

# KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS AND YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

## What Are Kansas Curricular Standards?

As family members and caregivers, you want to feel confident your child is learning everything he or she needs to know to successfully move from kindergarten through high school. You expect your child to receive a good, solid education so as an adult he or she will thrive in and contribute to the workplace, community, and the world.

*The Kansas Curricular standards provide information on what students should know and be able to do at different grade levels.*



Kansas Curricular standards are guidelines school districts can use to develop their curriculum. There are standards for each of your child's subject areas, such as reading, math, science, etc. The standards serve as academic goals. How they are met is determined by your school district. In Kansas, each school district develops its own curriculum and teachers decide on how they will provide instruction to ensure student learning.

It is important for all Kansas families and caregivers to understand that these standards encourage a higher level of learning and academic achievement from all students. But, most importantly, these standards will help to better prepare your child for the ever-changing world he or she will live and work in as an adult.

# How Academic Standards Work in Your Child's Classroom

*Teaching, learning, and testing should all be connected to academic standards.*

Each day your child's teacher refers to a plan, called a curriculum, that outlines what a child should learn day-to-day in the classroom. With each new school year, your child deepens his or her knowledge of a

subject by learning new concepts that build upon what was learned the previous year.

A curriculum may be designed in different ways to help children with diverse needs meet the academic standards. How well your child has learned a subject's content will be measured according to the standards.



As a partner in your child's education, you may want more specific information about the connection between the academic standards, the curriculum, and tests in your school district. The best way to be informed about what your child is learning is through conversations with your child's teacher and other school staff members.



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