

The School District of South Milwaukee is committed to using benchmarked and rigorous standards that set the highest expectations for student performance and prepare students in the District for success both inside and outside the classroom walls. Keeping in line with our vision, “to create a dynamic environment where the world becomes the classroom so the classroom impacts the world,” the School District of South Milwaukee implements a K-12 curriculum based on the adoption of rigorous academic standards. These standards set the stage for our expectations for what students should know and be able to do throughout their educational journey. While the academic standards set the benchmark for expectations, the curriculum is the detailed process outlining how the students will meet the expectations. As part of the curriculum development process, educators in South Milwaukee identify the activities, instructional strategies, resources, and assessments that ensure the students are learning according to the standards.

We remain committed to the standards that the School Board has previously approved including the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), in addition to the other state-supported standards such as the [Wisconsin Model Academic Standards](#). As students are exposed to a variety of assessments, formal and informal, standardized and locally based, we will use the standards to support our alignment to the skills and concepts necessary for career and college readiness.

Academic standards are established by a variety of agencies including, federal and local organizations and school districts. The School District of South Milwaukee has local control of the development of the curriculum, implementation, and assessment process. This means that groups of dedicated educators gather to discuss the best ways to meet the needs of all students in each and every classroom. The School District of South Milwaukee School Board has previously reviewed and approved the curriculum being implemented during the 2015-2016 school year. The Board review and formally adopts the academic Standards annually. We are confident that we will continue to deliver a high quality curriculum that meets or exceeds all adopted standards. Students, parents, and community members are able to find the Board adopted district standards, as well as associated curriculum information, through the school district website at www.sdsm.k12.wi.us.

Standards

The School District of South Milwaukee has adopted the following adopted the following academic standards:

Academic Area	Academic Standard
Art	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Art and Design
Business and Information Technology	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Business and Information Technology
Counseling	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Counseling

Early Learning	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
Elementary Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking	Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts
English Language Arts (Secondary)	Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts
Family and Consumer Science	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Family and Consumer Science
Health	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Health
Information Technology and Literacy	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Information Technology and Literacy
Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship
Mathematics	Common Core State Standards for Mathematics
Music	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Music
Physical Education	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Physical Education
Science	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Science Next Generation Science Standards
Social Studies	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies
Technology and Engineering	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Technology and Engineering
World Language	Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for World Language