

PLATTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

What are academic standards?

The District's academic standards identify what students should know and be able to do within a given content area or subject. Standards serve as a foundation for both classroom instruction and student learning. The standards also help parents and students gain a better understanding of the District's expectations for student learning.

Academic standards provide a critical foundation and framework for the District's sequential curriculum plans and for the District's student assessments in each content area. However, the standards are not an actual classroom curriculum. The curriculum that the District's schools implement in the various content areas remains flexible and adaptable, and there are many different instructional techniques and activities that could all be consistent with the District's academic standards. Stated another way, academic standards attempt to identify and focus on the most essential and fundamental aspects of student learning, but they do not attempt to describe all that can or should be taught. In addition, the District's adoption and use of academic standards should not be confused with standardized testing of students. While the District implements various state and federal testing mandates and also implements various locally-selected student assessments, the District's academic standards do not mandate the use of any specific standardized test or assessment.

What are the academic standards that will be in effect during this school year?

State law requires the District to provide the parents and guardians of all enrolled students with notice of the academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history that have been adopted by the School Board and that will be in effect during each school year. Accordingly, the District academic standards that will be in effect in these specific content areas for this school year are listed below. Electronic links to the detailed version of the applicable standards are provided when available.

The Platteville School District utilizes the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Language Arts and Reading, Math, and Social Studies, including Geography and History, as a foundation for instruction and assessment in these subject areas. Information about the standards, including links to the actual standards, can be found at the following web-sites.

Language Arts and Reading: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ela/standards>

Math: <http://dpi.wi.gov/math/standards>

Social Studies: http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/cal_ss-standards

The Platteville School District utilizes the Next Generation Science Standards as the foundation for our Science instruction and assessment.

Information about these standards can be found at the following web-site:

<http://www.nextgenscience.org/next-generation-science-standards>

At the 8-12 grade levels, the Platteville School District utilizes the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards as supplemental curriculum standards to better prepare students for the required state assessments at that level.

They can be found at: <http://www.act.org/standard/>

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Connie Valenza, Platteville School District Superintendent, or Brad Brogley, Director of Student Achievement at the District Office (608) 342-4000.

This notice is issued pursuant to [section 120.12\(13\)](#) of the state statutes.