

School District of Jefferson

Notice of the Academic Standards for 2016-17 school year

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

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 goals and guideposts 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. 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.

Content Area / Subject	The District's Student Academic Standards
English Language Arts (includes reading and writing)	<p>The District has adopted the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, as formerly adapted to Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (through the 2014-15 school year). These District standards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects in grades K–5;• Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects in grades 6–12;• Standards for Literacy in All Subjects for grades K-5; and• Standards for Literacy in All Subjects for grades 6-12 <p>A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at at this Internet address: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/standards/pdf/ela-stds-app-a-revision.pdf</p>
Mathematics	<p>The District has adopted the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, as formerly adapted to Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (through the 2014-15 school year). These District standards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards for mathematical content• Standards for mathematical practice <p>A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at at this Internet address: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/standards/pdf/common-core-math-standards.pdf</p>
Science	<p>The District has adopted the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Science. The standards are grouped into eight areas (A through H) and include both content standards and performance standards. A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at this Internet address: http://dpi.wi.gov/science/standards</p>
Social Studies (includes geography and history)	<p>The District has adopted the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Social Studies. The five strands of the social studies standards encompass history, geography, behavioral science, economics, and political science. The model standards include both content standards and performance standards. A complete copy of these standards can be located and reviewed at this Internet address: http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/cal_ss-standards</p>

Has the District selected and implemented academic standards in other content areas?

All subject areas have academic standards that guide their curriculum and lesson development. Wisconsin Model Academic

Standards comprise the basis for all course content, except in English/Language Arts and Mathematics where CCSS are in place. The full list of Wisconsin Model Academic Standards can be viewed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>

How do the District's academic standards apply to the learning goals and expectations for students who have exceptional educational needs and interests, such as students with disabilities, English language learners, and gifted students?

Students' unique learning needs are carefully considered and addressed by teachers primarily through differentiated instruction at the classroom level. Teachers gather information on and use student readiness, interest, and learning style when developing lessons. Instruction incorporates specific strategies that meet the needs of students and are based on the curriculum being presented. On-going assessment allows teachers to adjust instruction in response to student needs. Additionally, specialized support teachers are able to work with students, with faculty, and with families on setting appropriate learning goals, accommodations, and modifications when necessary for students who have exceptional educational needs.

Notice of Educational Options for Children Who Reside in the District

This notice is issued pursuant to section [Section 118.57](#) of the state statutes.

The state of Wisconsin now requires that all school districts annually publish the educational options available for all children who reside within the district.

The School District of Jefferson offers a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District.

The District's primary educational pathway and instructional programs for students is a progression from 4-year old kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled and attending the District's schools include the following:

- [Early Childhood Special Education](#) (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- [Special Education](#) (for students with disabilities)
- [Gifted and Talented](#)
- [GEDO Option #2](#)
- [At Risk Programs](#) (e.g. for students identified as being at-risk for not graduating from high school)
- [JEDI K-12 Virtual School](#)
- [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) programs](#)
- [Industry Approved Certifications](#)

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the School District of Jefferson that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than the Jefferson School District include the following:

- [Youth Options](#)
- [Course Options](#)

District Performance on State Assessments

This notice is issued pursuant to section [Section 118.57](#) of the state statutes.

Each school in the School District of Jefferson and the school's most recent state assigned performance category is listed below:

Site	State Assigned Performance Category (assigned July 2014)	Grade Levels Served
District	Exceeds Expectations	4K-12
East Elementary	Meets Expectations	4K-5
Sullivan Elementary	Exceeds Expectations	4K-5
West Elementary	Meets Expectations	K-5
Jefferson Middle School	Meets Expectations	6-8
Jefferson High School	Exceeds Expectations	9-12

The full version of the District's most recent school and district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 11.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>

Who can I contact for a copy of this information in an alternative format or if I have questions about the District's academic standards, educational options, and/or the District's performance on state assessment?

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