

Parent Notice of District Academic Standards

The School District of Alma is committed to ensuring academic excellence in every classroom so that all children perform at high levels and achieve proficiency. Curricular subject areas will be aligned with the appropriate state standards yet will allow for the individual needs and interests of students and teachers alike.

Academic standards specify what students should know and be able to do in the classroom. These standards serve as goals for teaching and learning. Setting high standards enables students, parents, educators, and citizens to know what students should have learned at a given point in time. Clear statements about what students must know and be able to do are essential to ensure that our schools offer opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

The School District of Alma has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Language Arts, Disciplinary Literacy, and Math. In Science, the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are followed. The district implements the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards in Social Studies, Geography, and History.

Further information about these academic standards can be found at:

- Common Core State Standards Initiative <http://www.corestandards.org>
- Next Generation Science Standards <http://www.nextgenscience.org>
- The Department of Public Instruction, WI Academic Standards <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>

Public education is a state responsibility. The State Superintendent and Legislature must ensure that *all* children have equal access to high quality education programs. This requires clear statements of what all children in the state should know and be able to do and the evidence that students are meeting these expectations.