



Preparing and supporting effective educators is one of the primary goals of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Top 10 by 20 initiative, which calls for Missouri to rank among the top 10 performing states nationwide in education by 2020.

## Helping Missouri Students Succeed

The Missouri Learning Standards give school administrators, teachers, parents and students a roadmap for learning expectations and are key to making Missouri one of the top 10 states in education by 2020.



More information about the Missouri Learning Standards can be found at [missourilearningstandards.com](http://missourilearningstandards.com).



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# Missouri Learning Standards

*Preparing students for college and careers*



## Missouri Learning Standards

The Missouri Learning Standards define the knowledge and skills students need in each grade and course for success in college, postsecondary training and careers. These expectations are aligned to the Show-Me Standards – broader goals for the following subjects:

- English Language Arts & Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages
- Fine Arts
- Health/Physical Education
- Guidance & Counseling
- Career & Technical Education



The Missouri Learning Standards include clearer, fewer and deeper expectations for English language arts and math, as well as literacy standards in other subjects. These standards help ensure students learn basic and higher-order skills, including problem solving and critical thinking. The standards are relevant to the real world and reflect the knowledge and skills students need to achieve their goals. Learning outcomes improve when students, parents and teachers work together toward shared goals.

The Missouri Learning Standards:

- Provide consistent learning goals for all students in grades K-12.
- Establish clear academic expectations allowing students, parents and teachers to work together toward shared goals.
- Focus on real-world knowledge and skills that students need for success after high school.
- Ensure students graduate from high school prepared for credit-bearing college courses.

The Missouri Learning Standards do not dictate curriculum. Local districts and schools make their own decisions about curriculum, instructional strategies, materials and textbooks. Districts and the state use the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) to track progress.

### Higher Education

The Missouri Learning Standards align with Missouri's college-ready standards to ensure students graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college without the need for remediation.

Over time, this can lower remediation rates and translate into higher rates of college completion and significant savings to the state, students and their families.



### Missouri Model Curriculum

- Missouri teachers and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education staff have developed Model Curriculum Units that meet the new Missouri Learning Standards.
- The model curriculum offers units for kindergarten through 12th grade. The units include teaching strategies and activities, supporting resources, and formative and summative assessments.
- Schools can adopt the model curriculum units, revise them to fit their needs, or use them as an instructional resource.
- More information about the Model Curriculum can be found at [dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/model-curriculum](http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/model-curriculum).