



Grade 8

Wyoming Content Standards

All Adopted and Active Content Area Sets as of July 2025

Rationale:

When a new or updated set of Wyoming Content & Performance Standards (WYCPS) is adopted under the State Board of Education and approved by the Governor, it is adopted with a designated school year by which districts must implement that new or updated set of standards into their district curriculum, instruction, and district assessment system. The time between the adoption date and the designated school year by which the new set must be implemented is the transition period districts are granted for this implementation. See Standards Expectations and Definitions on pages 2-3.

This document is a compilation of all ten WYCPS content areas. This includes previously adopted standards sets that will be phased out and newly-adopted standards sets that are to be implemented by a designated school year. For content areas that have two sets of standards, the previously adopted set is to be phased out and the newly adopted set is to be phased in by the designated implementation date on that set. Once the new set is fully implemented, this document will be updated on the WDE website to remove the phased out content area standards set(s).

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Standards Expectations and Definitions:

The State Board of Education designated expectations for districts' instruction and assessment of WYCPS in each grade band of each content area standards set adopted after 2023, as seen in the table below. All students in grades K-12 are expected to be educated on all Content Standards, unless the corresponding cell for grade band and content area on the table below is marked with "Elective," in which case students would only be required to receive instruction on those Content Standards if they elected to take that course.

Students must be assessed through the District's Assessment System on the Performance Standards in each light gray-shaded content area/grade band cell containing "Performance Standards" on the table below, unless the corresponding cell for grade band and content area is marked with "Elective," in which case the Performance Standards would be required to be assessed only for students who elected to take that course.

The content areas of *ELA, CTE, and Social Studies have not been adopted with this designation yet; therefore, all grade bands are identified as Content & Performance Standards until each content area is adopted. The terms found in this table are further defined on the next page.

| CONTENT AREA | GRADE BAND | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 |
| *ELA | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| Math | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| Science | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| *Social Studies | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| Health & Safety | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| PE | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards |
| *CTE | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards Elective |
| Fine & Performing Arts | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards Elective | Content & Performance Standards Elective |
| Computer Science | Content Standards | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards Elective | Content & Performance Standards Elective |
| World Languages & Cultures | Content Standards | Content & Performance Standards Elective | | |

Content Standards:

Content Standards define the content knowledge and skills students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of the grade band. They are built foundationally and then in learning progressions. They do not dictate what methodology or instructional materials should be used, nor how the material is delivered. Schools have local control on how to map out the curriculum for any standards grouped by grade bands.

Performance Standards:

Performance Standards are the standards all students are expected to learn and be assessed on through the district assessment system by the end of the grade band. They specify the specific degree of understanding or demonstration of the knowledge and/or skills at the proficient level. As such, they employ clear action verbs and describe "how good is good enough."

Districts and teachers are expected to give students multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on the Performance Standards through the District Assessment System (DAS) and provide appropriate supports for student success. In the secondary level, only students electing to take a course aligned to these standards need to be assessed in the DAS.

Elective:

Elective means all students must be offered the opportunity to take content area instruction within the indicated grade level or grade band should they elect to do so. Districts may choose how to offer elective coursework, but all Content and Performance Standards must be included in a series of courses or the educational program.

Grade 8 English Language Arts (ELA) Standards

Standards Review Process Note:

The ELA Standards are currently being reviewed (as of July 2025). The below set (2012) will continue to be in effect until a new/updated set is adopted and due to be fully implemented, as approved by the State Board of Education.

Grade 8 English Language Arts (ELA) (2012)

Sole Adopted Set - Until New/Updated Set Adopted via Standards Review Process

Reading for Literature

Key Ideas and Details

- RL.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- RL.8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
- RL.8.3 Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.

Craft and Structure

- RL.8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
- RL.8.5 Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.
- RL.8.6 Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RL.8.7 Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.
- RL.8.8 (Not applicable to literature)
- RL.8.9 Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RL.8.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Reading for Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details

- RI.8.1** Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- RI.8.2** Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
- RI.8.3** Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).

Craft and Structure

- RI.8.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
- RI.8.5** Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
- RI.8.6** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RI.8.7** Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
- RI.8.8** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
- RI.8.9** Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RI.8.10** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing

Text Types and Purposes

- W.8.1** Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
 - W.8.1.a** Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
 - W.8.1.b** Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
 - W.8.1.c** Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
 - W.8.1.d** Establish and maintain a formal style.
 - W.8.1.e** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- W.8.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
 - W.8.2.a** Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

- W.8.2.b** Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- W.8.2.c** Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- W.8.2.d** Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- W.8.2.e** Establish and maintain a formal style.
- W.8.2.f** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
- W.8.3** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
 - W.8.3.a** Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
 - W.8.3.b** Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
 - W.8.3.c** Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
 - W.8.3.d** Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
 - W.8.3.e** Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

Production and Distribution of Writing

- W.8.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards W.8.1 through W.8.3.)
- W.8.5** With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8.)
- W.8.6** Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently, as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- W.8.7** Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
- W.8.8** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.8.9.a Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new”).

W.8.9.b Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).

Range of Writing

W.8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Speaking and Listening

Comprehension and Collaboration

SL.8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.8.1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

SL.8.1.b Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

SL.8.1.c Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others’ questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

SL.8.1.d Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

SL.8.2 Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

SL.8.3 Delineate a speaker’s argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

SL.8.4 Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

SL.8.5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.

SL.8.6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)

Language

Conventions of Standard English

- L.8.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
 - L.8.1.a** Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
 - L.8.1.b** Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
 - L.8.1.c** Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
 - L.8.1.d** Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
- L.8.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
 - L.8.2.a** Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
 - L.8.2.b** Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
 - L.8.2.c** Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language

- L.8.3** Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
 - L.8.3.a** Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

- L.8.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
 - L.8.4.a** Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
 - L.8.4.b** Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
 - L.8.4.c** Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
 - L.8.4.d** Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
- L.8.5** Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
 - L.8.5.a** Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
 - L.8.5.b** Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
 - L.8.5.c** Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).
- L.8.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Middle School Science Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2023 Science Standards were created in grade bands at the middle and high school levels. Below are the Grade 6-8 middle school standards. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the 3-year span.

Three Dimensions of Science:

Dimension 1: Crosscutting Concepts (CCC)

The seven Crosscutting Concepts, listed below, have application across all domains of science. As such, they provide one way of linking across the domains of the Disciplinary Core Ideas.

1. Patterns.
2. Cause and effect.
3. Scale, proportion, and quantity.
4. Systems and system models.
5. Energy and matter.
6. Structure and function.
7. Stability and change.

Dimension 2: Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)

The continuing expansion of scientific knowledge makes it impossible to teach all of the ideas related to a given discipline in exhaustive detail during the K-12 years. But given the cornucopia of information available today, virtually at a touch, an important role of science education is not to teach “all the facts” but rather to prepare students in the four domains of science with sufficient core knowledge so that they can later acquire additional information on their own. The four domains referenced are: 1) physical science, 2) life science, 3) Earth and space science, and 4) engineering, technology, and applications of science.

Dimension 3: Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)

The eight Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs), listed below, describe both (a) the major practices that scientists employ as they investigate and build models and theories about the world and (b) a key set of engineering practices that engineers use as they design and build systems. We use the term “practices” instead of skills to emphasize that engaging in a scientific investigation requires not only skill but also knowledge that is specific to each practice.

1. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering).
2. Developing and using models.
3. Planning and carrying out investigations.
4. Analyzing and interpreting data.
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking.
6. Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering).
7. Engaging in argument from evidence.
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information.

Middle School Science Science (2023)

Currently Adopted Set - To Be Fully Implemented by the Beginning of School Year 2025-26

Physical Science

PS1 Matter and Its Interactions

- MS-PS1-1 Develop models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.
- MS-PS1-4 Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.
- MS-PS1-5 Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.

PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

- MS-PS2-1 Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.
- MS-PS2-2 Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.

PS3 Energy

- MS-PS3-2 Develop a model to describe that when the arrangement of objects interacting at a distance changes, different amounts of potential energy are stored in the system.
- MS-PS3-4 Plan an investigation to determine the relationships among the energy transferred, the type of matter, the mass, and the change in the average kinetic energy of the particles as measured by the temperature of the sample.

PS4 Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

- MS-PS4-1 Use mathematical representations to describe a simple model for waves, which includes how the amplitude of a wave is related to the energy in a wave.
- MS-PS4-2 Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials.

Life Science

LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes

- MS-LS1-2 Develop and use models to describe the parts, functions, and basic processes of cells.
- MS-LS1-3 Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.
- MS-LS1-6 Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy into and out of organisms.

LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

- MS-LS2-3 Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.
- MS-LS2-5 Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.

LS3 Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

- MS-LS3-1 Develop and use a model to describe why structural changes to genes (mutations) located on chromosomes may affect proteins and may result in harmful, beneficial, or neutral effects to the structure and function of the organism.

MS-LS3-2 Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation.

LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

MS-LS4-1 Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms throughout the history of life on Earth under the assumption that natural laws operate today as in the past.

MS-LS4-5 Gather and synthesize information about the technologies that have changed the way humans influence the inheritance of desired traits in organisms.

MS-LS4-6 Use mathematical representations to support explanations of how natural selection may lead to increases and decreases of specific traits in populations over time.

Earth and Space Science

ESS1 Earth's Place in the Universe

MS-ESS1-1 Develop and use a model of the Earth-sun-moon system to describe the cyclic patterns of lunar phases, eclipses of the sun and moon, and seasons.

MS-ESS1-2 Develop and use a model to describe the role of gravity in the motions within galaxies and the solar system.

ESS2 Earth's Systems

MS-ESS2-1 Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process.

MS-ESS2-3 Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions.

MS-ESS2-4 Develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.

MS-ESS2-6 Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.

ESS3 Earth and Human Activity

MS-ESS3-3 Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring, evaluating, and managing a human impact on the environment.

Engineering and Design

ETS1 Engineering, Technology, & Applications of Science

MS-ETS1-1 Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.

ETS2 Engineering, Technology, Science, and Society

MS-ETS2-2 Develop a model defining and prioritizing the impacts of human activity on a particular aspect of the environment, identifying positive and negative consequences of the activity, both short and long-term, and investigate and explain how the ethics and integrity of scientists and engineers and respect for individual property rights might constrain future development.

Grade 8 Math Standards

Notes for Accessibility:

For best results—if using screen reader technology to access this document—adjust punctuation settings/speech verbosity to read parentheses and other special characters aloud.

Grade 8 Math Practices

MP1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

8.MP.1 In grade 8, students solve real-world problems through the application of algebraic and geometric concepts and discuss (verbally or in writing) how they solve them. Students analyze the problem (including what is given, not given, and what is being asked), identify what strategies are needed, choose the most efficient pathway, then make an initial attempt to solve the problem. Students analyze the result for validity and refine strategies if necessary.

MP2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

8.MP.2 Students represent a wide variety of real-world contexts through the use of real numbers and variables in mathematical expressions, equations, and inequalities. Students examine patterns in data and assess the degree of linearity of functions. Students contextualize to understand the meaning of the number or variable as related to the problem and decontextualize to manipulate symbolic representations by applying properties of operations.

MP3 Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

8.MP.3 Students construct arguments using verbal or written explanations that involve solving problems with real numbers. They make conjectures, explore validity, reason mathematically, justify, evaluate their own thinking, and analytically critique the reasoning of other students.

MP4 Model with mathematics.

8.MP.4 Students can clearly show their work by using diagrams, words, symbols, or pictures. They are able to identify important quantities in a practical situation and map their relationships using such tools as diagrams, two-way tables, graphs, flowcharts, and formulas. They can analyze those relationships mathematically to draw conclusions. They routinely interpret their mathematical results of problems involving real numbers in the context of the situation and reflect on whether the results make sense, possibly improving the model if it has not served its purpose.

MP5 Use appropriate tools strategically.

8.MP.5 Students consider available tools (including estimation, concrete models, and technology as appropriate), and decide when certain tools might be helpful. Students can interpret results provided by technology. They choose the representation (table, graph, equation, words) that best suits the problem. Students use concrete models to develop insight into linear equations and other concepts. Students then extend this insight to more abstract representations, including pictures and symbols. Students understand the limitations of each tool. Tools might include: integer tiles, algebra tiles, geometric nets, number lines, graphing technology, scientific calculator, paper and pencil, and others.

MP6 Attend to precision.

8.MP.6 Students continue to refine their mathematical communication skills by using clear and precise mathematical language in their discussions with others and in their own reasoning. Students define variables, including their relationship, specify units of measure, and label each axis accurately. Students use appropriate terminology when referring to the number system, functions, geometric figures, and data displays. Students use appropriate symbols, labels, and units of measure when solving problems with calculations that are accurate and efficient. Answer to the problem matches what was asked in the problem.

MP7 Look for and make use of structure.

8.MP.7 Students routinely seek patterns or structure to model and solve problems. They apply properties to solve problems based upon patterns they have identified. Students examine patterns to generate equations and describe relationships. Students simplify complicated expressions into simple terms. Students recognize the effects of transformations and describe them in terms of congruence and similarity.

MP8 Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

8.MP.8 Students use repeated reasoning to understand algorithms and make generalizations about patterns. They develop efficient strategies for solving problems and check for reasonableness of answers. Students ask questions such as "What evidence supports that conclusion?"

Grade 8 Math (2023)

Currently Adopted Set - To Be Fully Implemented by the Beginning of School Year 2025-26

The Number System

Know that there are numbers that are not rational, and approximate them by rational numbers.

8.NS.1 Know that numbers that are not rational are called irrational. Understand informally that every number has a decimal expansion; for rational numbers show that the decimal expansion repeats eventually, and convert a decimal expansion which repeats eventually into a rational number. Explore the real number system and its appropriate usage in real-world situations.

8.NS.1a Make comparisons between rational and irrational numbers.

8.NS.1b Understand that all real numbers have a decimal expansion.

8.NS.1c Model the hierarchy of the real number system, including natural, whole, integer, rational, and irrational numbers.

8.NS.1d Convert repeating decimals to fractions.

Expressions and Equations

Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.

8.EE.5 Graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. Compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways.

Analyze and solve linear equations and pairs of simultaneous linear equations.

- 8.EE.7** Extend concepts of linear equations and inequalities in one variable to more complex multi-step equations and inequalities in real-world and mathematical situations.
- 8.EE.7a** Solve linear equations and inequalities with rational number coefficients that include the use of the Distributive Property, combining like terms, and variable terms on both sides.
- 8.EE.7b** Recognize the three types of solutions to linear equations: one solution, infinitely many solutions, or no solutions.
- 8.EE.8** Analyze and solve pairs of simultaneous linear equations.
 - 8.EE.8a** Understand that solutions to a system of two linear equations in two variables correspond to points of intersection of their graphs, because points of intersection satisfy both equations simultaneously.
 - 8.EE.8b** Solve systems of two linear equations in two variables with integer solutions by graphing the equations.
 - 8.EE.8c** Solve simple real-world and mathematical problems leading to two linear equations in two variables given $y = mx + b$ form with integer solutions.

Functions

Define, evaluate, and compare functions.

- 8.F.2** Compare properties of two functions each represented in a different way (algebraically, graphically, numerically in tables, or by verbal descriptions).

Use functions to model relationships between quantities.

- 8.F.4** Apply the concepts of linear functions to real-world and mathematical situations.
 - 8.F.4a** Understand that the slope is the constant rate of change and the y-intercept is the point where $x = 0$.
 - 8.F.4b** Determine the slope and the y-intercept of a linear function given multiple representations, including two points, tables, graphs, equations, and verbal descriptions.
 - 8.F.4c** Construct a function in slope-intercept form that models a linear relationship between two quantities.
 - 8.F.4d** Interpret the meaning of the slope and the y-intercept of a linear function in the context of the situation.

Geometry

Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software.

- 8.G.2** Recognize through visual comparison that a two-dimensional figure is congruent to another if the second can be obtained from the first by a sequence of rotations, reflections, and translations; given two congruent figures, describe a sequence that exhibits the congruence between them.
- 8.G.5** Use informal arguments to establish facts about the angle sum and exterior angle of triangles, about the angles created when parallel lines are cut by a transversal, and the angle-angle criterion for similarity of triangles.

Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem.

8.G.7 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems.

8.G.8 Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system.

Statistics and Probability

Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data.

8.SP.3 Use an equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept.

8.SP.4 Understand that patterns of association can also be seen in bivariate categorical data by displaying frequencies and relative frequencies in a two-way table.

8.SP.4a Construct and interpret a two-way table summarizing data on two categorical variables collected from the same subjects.

8.SP.4b Use relative frequencies calculated for rows or columns to describe possible association between the two variables.

Grade 6-8 Social Studies Standards

Standards Review Process Note:

The Social Studies Standards are currently (as of July 2025) scheduled to undergo the Standards Review Process during the 2026–2027 calendar years. The below set (2014+2018) will continue to be in effect until a new/updated set is adopted and due to be fully implemented, as approved by the State Board of Education.

Grade Band Note:

The 2014+2018 Social Studies Standards were created in grade bands. Below are the Grade 6-8 Standards. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the 3-year span.

Grade 6-8 Social Studies (2014+2018)

Sole Adopted Set - Until New/Updated Set Adopted via Standards Review Process

Citizenship, Government, and Democracy

Students analyze how people create and change structures of power, authority, and governance to understand the continuing evolution of governments and to demonstrate civic responsibility.

SS8.1.1 Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of a United States citizen.

SS8.1.1.a Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of being a tribal member on the Wind River Indian Reservation (e.g., inherent rights, treaty obligations, and tribal sovereignty).

SS8.1.2 Explain how to participate in the political process (i.e., tribal, local, state, and national elections).

SS8.1.3 Explain the historical development of the United States Constitution and treaties (e.g., 1868 Fort Bridger Treaty) and how they have shaped the United States, Wyoming, and tribal government.

SS8.1.4 Understand the differences between United States civil and criminal legal systems within the federal, state, and tribal levels.

SS8.1.5 Describe the structures of the United States and Wyoming Constitutions (e.g., Articles, Bill of Rights, amendments).

SS8.1.5.a Describe how the U.S. Constitution creates a special relationship with tribal governments (i.e., Plenary Power, [Indian Commerce Clause - Article I, Section 8, Clause 3](#); [Supremacy Clause - Article VI, Clause 2](#); [Cherokee Nation v. Georgia](#)).

SS8.1.6 Understand the basic structures of various political systems (e.g., tribal, local, national, and world).

Culture and Cultural Diversity

Students demonstrate an understanding of the contributions and impacts of human interaction and cultural diversity on societies.

SS8.2.1 Compare and contrast the ways various groups (e.g., ethnic communities and Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming) meet human needs and concerns (e.g., self-esteem, friendship, and tribal heritage) and contribute to identity, situations, and events.

- SS8.2.2 Evaluate how human expression (e.g., language, literature, arts, architecture, traditions, beliefs, and spirituality) contributes to cultural development, understanding, and continuity (e.g., oral tradition, Pow Wows, ceremonies, and assimilation).
- SS8.2.3 Analyze the unique cultural characteristics of various groups within Wyoming and the nation, including Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming (e.g., language, traditions, spirituality, art, and lifestyle).
- SS8.2.4 Explain the cultural contributions of and tensions between groups in Wyoming, the United States, and the World (e.g., racial, ethnic, social, and institutional).
- SS8.2.4.a Explain the cultural contributions of and interactions between Native Americans and immigrant groups in Wyoming and the United States.

Production, Distribution, and Consumption

Students describe the influence of economic factors on societies and make decisions based on economic principles.

- SS8.3.1 Identify and apply basic economic concepts (e.g., supply, demand, production, exchange and consumption, labor, wages, scarcity, prices, incentives, competition, and profits).
- SS8.3.2 Compare and contrast how people organize for the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services in various economic systems (e.g., characteristics of market, command, and mixed economies).
- SS8.3.3 Describe the impact of technological advancements on production, distribution, and consumption (e.g., businesses and/or corporations in the United States and the world).
- SS8.3.4 Explain or illustrate how money is used by individuals, groups, and financial institutions.
- SS8.3.5 Describe how values and beliefs influence individual, family, and business decisions (microeconomics).

Time, Continuity, and Change

Students analyze events, people, problems, and ideas within their historical contexts.

- SS8.4.1 Describe how historical events impact the future (cause and effect) and how change spreads to other places (e.g., spread of industrial revolution or causes of the Civil War, impacts of Manifest Destiny, aftermath of French and Indian War, and progression of Indian Removal Act).
- SS8.4.2 Describe how tools and technology in different historical periods impacted the way people, including Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming, lived, made decisions, and saw the world (e.g., impact of horses and European trade goods on Plains Indian cultures, mechanized agriculture, and Industrial Revolution technologies).
- SS8.4.3 Analyze the way current events affect all people, including Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming. Investigate the history leading up to those events and suggest alternative ways such events may have played out.
- SS8.4.4 Identify historical interactions between and among individuals, groups, and/or institutions (e.g., family, neighborhood, political, economic, religious, social, cultural, and workplace).
- SS8.4.4.a Identify how federal policies have impacted Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming historically and currently (e.g., reservations, treaties, allotment, boarding schools, and forced assimilation).
- SS8.4.5 Identify relevant primary (e.g., historical photographs, artifacts, and documents, including treaties) and secondary sources for research. Compare and contrast treatment of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources, which may include oral history and traditional storytelling.

People, Places, and Environments

Students apply their knowledge of the geographic themes (location, place, movement, region, and human/environment interactions) and skills to demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among people, places, and environment.

SS8.5.1 Use and create models of the Earth to analyze the interactions of physical and human systems to demonstrate global interconnectedness.

SS8.5.1.a Analyze the impact of natural resources on tribal locations, past and present.

SS8.5.2 Analyze and evaluate how physical features and changes influenced historical events (e.g., route of Union Pacific Railroad, location of Wind River Indian Reservation, state and national monuments and parks) and participate in collaborative problem solving and decision making in the selection of professional and personal choices.

SS8.5.3 Explain how communities' current and past demographics, migrations, and settlement patterns influence place (e.g., culture, needs, and political and economic systems) and use this analysis to predict future settlement patterns.

SS8.5.3.a Explain how the migration and settlement patterns of indigenous tribes influence place (e.g., migration of pre-Columbian Tribes, and reservation movement).

SS8.5.4 Analyze the changes to and consequences of human, natural, and technological impacts on the physical environment.

SS8.5.4.a Analyze how cultural practices continue to influence how Indigenous Tribes of Wyoming interact with the environment.

Technology, Literacy, and Global Connections

Students use technology and literacy skills to access, synthesize, and evaluate information to communicate and apply social studies knowledge to global situations.

SS8.6.1 Use and evaluate multiple sources of information in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.

SS8.6.2 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.

SS8.6.3 Use digital tools to research, design, and present social studies concepts (e.g., understand how individual responsibility applies in usage of digital media).

SS8.6.4 Use accurate, sufficient, and relevant information from primary and secondary sources to support writing.

Grade 6-8 Career and Vocational Education (CTE) Standards

Standards Review Process Note:

The Career and Vocational Education (CTE) Standards are currently being reviewed (as of July 2025). The below set (2014) will continue to be in effect until a new/updated set is adopted and due to be fully implemented, as approved by the State Board of Education.

Grade Band Note:

The 2014 Career and Vocational Education (CTE) Standards were created in grade bands. Below are the Grade 6-8 Standards. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the 3-year span.

Grade 6-8 Career and Vocational Education (CTE) (2014)

Sole Adopted Set - Until New/Updated Set Adopted via Standards Review Process

Career Development and Readiness

Students demonstrate career planning and employability skills.

- CV8.1.1 Career-aware students explore several career pathways including but not limited to outlook, salary, needed training, duties, and lifestyle.
- CV8.1.2 Career-aware students conduct an inventory of personal skills, aptitudes, and interests and identify career pathways that align with their results.
- CV8.1.3 Career-aware students prepare a self-improvement plan including secondary and postsecondary programs to gain desired knowledge and experience toward possible career opportunities.
- CV8.1.4 Career-aware students demonstrate an awareness of characteristics and skills necessary to enhance employability.

Communication and Collaboration

Students develop the skills necessary to effectively lead, collaborate, and communicate.

- CV8.2.1 Career-aware students effectively communicate using a variety of appropriate methods.
- CV8.2.2 Career-aware students successfully lead a group activity.
- CV8.2.3 Career-aware students actively participate as a team member to accomplish group goals while effectively working with diverse individuals/groups.
- CV8.2.4 Career-aware students apply safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology as appropriate to the task.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate technology, tools, and resources.

- CV8.3.1 Career-aware students identify real-world problems and efficiently locate & effectively use various sources of information for informed decision making.
- CV8.3.2 Career-aware students demonstrate an awareness of the working process of business and political systems and how they affect specific careers.
- CV8.3.3 Career-aware students demonstrate an ability to explain and interpret solutions to problems using data and information compiled from a variety of reputable sources.
- CV8.3.4 Career-aware students plan, manage, and complete projects in a timely and effective manner.

Technical Literacy

Students effectively read, evaluate, write, and communicate technical information.

- CV8.4.1 Career-aware students produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience. (CCSS W.9.4)
- CV8.4.2 Career-aware students demonstrate the ability to identify sources from which they locate, interpret, extract, and summarize data in an ethical and appropriate manner.
- CV8.4.3 Career-aware students demonstrate the ability to create compositions and presentations of technical data in both written and verbal formats.
- CV8.4.4 Career-aware students integrate and translate content presented in diverse formats and media, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words. (Adapted from CCSS R.CCR.7)

Technical Proficiency and Productivity

Students safely, ethically, and productively use existing and new technologies and systems.

- CV8.5.1 Career-aware students identify technical and digital systems, how they are properly and ethically used, and their relationship to other systems globally.
- CV8.5.2 Career-aware students plan tasks recognizing human resources, financial, and timeline constraints that take into account priorities and goals.
- CV8.5.3 Career-aware students demonstrate technical knowledge and skills by safely, ethically, and appropriately acquiring, storing, organizing, and using materials, tools, and workspace.
- CV8.5.4 Career-aware students demonstrate proficiency in selecting and utilizing technologies in the completion of tasks and projects.

Grade 7-8/6-8 Health and Safety Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2012 Health and 2023 Health and Safety Standards were created in grade bands. Below are the standards grade bands that include Grade 8 from each set. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the grade band spans.

Acronyms for Suggested Health Topics:

The following list highlights the possible health topics that can be focused on while teaching the Grade 7-8/ 6-8 Health WYCPS:

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| ATOD | Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs |
| CEH | Community and Environmental Health |
| CPR | Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation |
| FA | First Aid |
| FAM | Family Life |
| G&D | Growth & Development |
| HSX | Human Sexuality |
| IPS | Injury Prevention and Safety |
| ME | Mental and Emotional Health |
| NUT | Nutrition |
| PA | Physical Activity |
| PCD | Prevention and Control of Disease |
| PH | Personal Health |
| SP | Suicide Prevention |
| VPB | Violence Prevention and Bullying |

Grade 7-8 Health (2012)

Previously Adopted Set - To Be Phased Out by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Health Information, Products, and Resources

Students will access, analyze, and evaluate health information, products, and resources.

- HE8.1.1** Demonstrate the ability to locate appropriate health resources at school or in the community that help *enhance* health. ME, PH, NUT
- HE8.1.2** Demonstrate the ability to locate appropriate health resources at school or in the community that help *reduce* health risks. HSX, ATOD, VPB
- HE8.1.3** Analyze situations or conditions to determine when health services are needed (e.g., Distinguish when symptoms warrant a visit to the doctor versus taking over the counter medication). ME, VPB, HSX
- HE8.1.4** Explain criteria for determining validity of health information. HSX, ATOD, NUT
- HE8.1.5** Analyze health information for characteristics of validity (e.g. compare and contrast currency of info in different health articles on ATOD, Violence or mental/emotional health). ATOD, ME, VPB
- HE8.1.6** Analyze characteristics of products and how they enhance health or reduce health risks (e.g., compare products). NUT, IPS, PA

Problem Solving and Decision Making

Students will use critical thinking and systematic processes to examine health related problems and make decisions that enhance health and reduce or avoid health risks.

- HE8.2.1 Distinguish when individual or collaborative decision-making is appropriate. CEH, ATOD, VPB
- HE8.2.2 Explain various types of decision-making processes to enhance health or reduce health risks (e.g., automatic, intuitive, etc.). ATOD, IPS, NUT
- HE8.2.3 Apply a systematic decision making process that includes analysis of consequences to *enhance* health (e.g., impact of decision on self, on others). ME, PA, PCD
- HE8.2.4 Apply a systematic decision-making process that includes analysis of consequences to *reduce* or *avoid* health risks. ATOD, HSX, VPB
- HE8.2.5 Analyze how peers, culture, and media can influence decisions students make about health practices and risk behaviors (e.g., time, fiscal, etc.). HSX, ATOD, ME
- HE8.2.6 Apply a systematic process to examine non-familiar health-related issues or problems (e.g., identify problems, collect information, analyze data, draw conclusions, make recommendations). ATOD, CEH, PCD (e.g., pandemics)

Effective Communication

Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and reduce or avoid health risks.

- HE8.3.1 Demonstrate the ability to use effective communication techniques (written, verbal, nonverbal, visual, electronic, etc.) for a variety of purposes for *enhancing* health (e.g., to inform, to persuade or advocate, to instruct). PH, CEH, PCD
- HE8.3.2 Demonstrate the ability to use effective communication techniques (written, verbal, nonverbal, visual, electronic, etc.) for a variety of purposes for reducing or avoiding health risks (e.g., to inform, to persuade or advocate, to instruct). IPS, HSX, ATOD
- HE8.3.3 Demonstrate the ability to apply effective refusal and conflict resolution skills to *avoid* risky situations. ATOD, HSX, VPB
- HE8.3.4 Analyze characteristics of and demonstrate the ability to use effective listening to decipher meaning from a health message (e.g., listen for details, listen for specific information, identify emotions, listen for opinions, infer meaning, etc.). ANY CONTENT AREA

Personal and Social Responsibility

Students will demonstrate the ability to use personal and social skills that are associated with taking responsible action for enhancing health and reducing or avoiding health risks.

- HE8.4.1 Differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors for improving or maintaining personal health. PH, PA, NUT
- HE8.4.2 Analyze behaviors that avoid and reduce health risks, to self and others. ATOD, HSX, IPS
- HE8.4.3 Demonstrate an understanding of behaviors that prevent the spread of disease. HSX, ATOD, PCD
- HE8.4.4 Describe signs of stress and how stress can affect health status. ME, ATOD
- HE8.4.5 Analyze age appropriate factors that create good stress and bad stress. ME, ATOD, HSX
- HE8.4.6 Demonstrate the ability to apply strategies to manage bad stress and use good stress to motivate successful performance. PA, NUT, PH
- HE8.4.7 Use criteria to set a short-term personal health goal and make a plan for achieving it. ME, PA, NUT

HE8.4.8 Monitor progress toward achieving a short-term personal health goal and analyze why it is achieved or not achieved (e.g., the goal to be physically active for 30 minutes every day was achieved because it met all SMART criteria and my plan included activities for all weather conditions). ME, PA, NUT

HE8.4.9 Analyze the effects of taking action to oppose bullying based on individual and group differences. VPB, CEH, ME

HE8.4.10 Describe various forms of bullying and the roles of all involved (aggressor, bystander, victim, etc.) in bullying situations. VPB, CEH, ME

HE8.4.11 Describe the impact of bullying on physical health, mental and emotional health, and social health (e.g. depression, violence, avoidance, suicide, physical illness, etc.). VPB, CEH, ME

Grade 6-8 Health and Safety (2023)

Newly Adopted Set - To Be Fully Implemented by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Health Information, Concepts, Products, and Resources

Students will access, analyze, and evaluate health information, products, and resources.

- 8.HE.1.1 Demonstrate the ability to locate appropriate health resources at school or in the community and beyond that help enhance health and prevent or reduce health risks. [Suggested Health Topics: ME, PH, NUT]
- 8.HE.1.2 Analyze situations or conditions to determine when health services are needed. [Suggested Health Topics: ME, VPB, HSX]

Problem Solving and Decision Making

Students will use critical thinking and systematic processes to examine health-related problems and make decisions that enhance health and prevent, reduce, or avoid health risks.

- 8.HE.2.2 Apply a systematic decision-making process that includes analysis of outcomes (e.g., impact of decision on self, on others) to enhance health and prevent, reduce, or avoid health risks. [Suggested Health Topics: ME, PA, PCD]
- 8.HE.2.4 Analyze how peers, culture, and media can influence decisions students make about health practices and risk behaviors (e.g., time, fiscal, etc.). [Suggested Health Topics: HSX, ATOD, ME]

Effective Communication

Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and prevent, reduce, or avoid health risks.

- 8.HE.3.3 Demonstrate the ability to apply effective refusal and conflict resolution skills to prevent health risks or risk behaviors. [Suggested Health Topics: ATOD, HSX, VPB]

Personal and Social Responsibility

Students will demonstrate the ability to use personal and social skills that are associated with taking responsible action for enhancing health and preventing, reducing, or avoiding health risks.

- 8.HE.4.1 Differentiate between healthy and unhealthy behaviors for improving personal health. [Suggested Health Topics: PH, PA, NUT]
- 8.HE.4.6 Demonstrate the ability to apply strategies to manage bad stress (e.g., sleep hygiene, proper nutrition, and trusted resources) and use good stress to motivate successful performance. [Suggested Health Topics: PA, NUT, PH]
- 8.HE.4.8 Use multiple criteria (e.g., Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Realistic, Timely) to set a short-term personal health goal and make a plan for achieving it. [Suggested Health Topics: PA, NUT, PH]
- 8.HE.4.11 Identify the behaviors and warning signs of self-harm and suicidal ideation, and explain how to seek help. [Suggested Health Topics: VPB, CEH, ME]
- 8.HE.4.13 Describe the impacts (e.g., depression, violence, avoidance, suicide, physical illness, etc.) of bullying on physical, mental, emotional, and social health. [Suggested Health Topics: VPB, CEH, ME, SP]
- 8.HE.4.14 Explain the relationship between physical, mental, emotional, and social health. [Suggested Health Topics: VPB, CEH, ME]

Grade 6-8 Physical Education Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2014 and 2023 Physical Education Standards were created in grade bands. Below are the Grade 6-8 Standards from each set. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the 3-year span.

Grade 6-8 Physical Education (2014)

Previously Adopted Set - To Be Phased Out by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Movement

The physically literate individual demonstrates competency and applies knowledge of a variety of movement skills, movement patterns, concepts, principles, and strategies/tactics as they apply to the learning and performance of physical activities.

- PE8.1.1 Students demonstrate movement skills and patterns in a variety of activities.
- PE8.1.2 Students demonstrate critical elements of specialized manipulative skills in modified team activities.
- PE8.1.3 Students demonstrate critical elements of specialized skills in modified individual, dual, or lifetime activities.
- PE 8.1.4 Students apply tactical concepts and performance principles in modified team activities.
- PE 8.1.5 Students apply tactical concepts and performance principles in individual, dual, or lifetime activities.
- PE 8.1.6 Students compare and contrast skills used for different movement patterns.
- PE 8.1.7 Students analyze critical elements of specialized skills in a variety of activities.
- PE 8.1.8 Students analyze the use of strategies and tactics in a variety of physical activities.

Fitness


The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.

- PE8.2.1 Students create and monitor a personal plan using current levels of fitness and physical activity.
- PE8.2.2 Students differentiate the health benefits associated with a variety of physical activities.
- PE8.2.3 Students apply the principles, components, and practices of health-related fitness to improve short-term fitness goals.
- PE8.2.4 Students engage in a variety of physical activities that will enhance health-related fitness (inside and/or outside of school).
- PE8.2.5 Students explain valid characteristics of fitness-related products, technology, and resources related to fitness literacy.

Personal and Social Behavior

The physically literate individual exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others and recognizes the value of physical activity for challenge, self-expression, and/or social interaction.

- PE8.3.1 Students develop and apply appropriate rules, safe practices, and procedures in physical activity settings.

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- PE8.3.2** Students communicate effectively with others to promote respect and conflict resolution in physical activity settings.
- PE8.3.3** Students engage in challenging experiences that develop confidence and independence.
- PE8.3.4** Students engage in physical activities that promote self-expression and provide opportunities for social and group interaction.

Grade 6-8 Physical Education (2023)

Newly Adopted Set - To Be Fully Implemented by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Movement Skills

The physically literate individual demonstrates competency and applies knowledge of a variety of movement skills, movement patterns, concepts, principles, and tactics as they apply to the learning and performance of physical activities.

- 8.PE.1.2 Demonstrate specialized manipulative skills in modified team activities.
- 8.PE.1.3 Demonstrate specialized skills in modified individual, dual, or lifetime activities.
- 8.PE.1.4 Apply tactical concepts in modified team activities.
- 8.PE.1.5 Apply tactical concepts or performance principles in individual, dual, or lifetime activities.

Fitness

The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.

- 8.PE.2.3 Create a short-term physical activity goal by applying the principles, components, and practices of health-related fitness.

Personal And Social Behavior

The physically literate individual exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others and recognizes the value of physical activity for challenge, self-expression, and/or social interaction.

- 8.PE.3.2 Communicate effectively to avoid or resolve conflict and promote respect in physical activity settings.
- 8.PE.3.3 Participate in physical activities that promote self-challenge, confidence, and independence.
- 8.PE.3.5 Participate in aesthetic movement forms that promote self-expression.

Grade K-12/3-12 World Languages & Cultures Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2013 Foreign/World Language and 2024 World Languages & Cultures Standards were created in grade bands—the 2013 Foreign/World Language standards being grouped into one K-12 grade band and the 2024 World Languages & Cultures being grouped into K-2 and 3-12 grade bands. Below are the standards grade bands that include Grade 8 from each set. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the grade band spans.

Grade K-12 Foreign/World Language (2013)

Previously Adopted Set - To Be Phased Out by the Beginning of School Year 2028-29

Interpretive

All students will be able to use a foreign language other than English to understand and interpret spoken and written language, concepts, and ideas, while also gaining an understanding of the perspectives of other cultures. Through language study, they will make connections with other content areas, compare the language and culture studied with their own, and participate in home and global communities.

FL1.IL.1 Students will perform at Intermediate Low Level while listening to a culturally authentic audio source.

FL1.IL.2 Students will perform at Intermediate Low level while viewing a culturally authentic audio-visual source.

FL1.IL.3 Students will perform at Intermediate Low level while reading culturally authentic printed material.

Interpersonal

All students will be able to use a foreign language other than English to negotiate meaning through the spoken or written exchange of information, concepts, and ideas, while gaining an understanding of the relationships among the products, practices, and perspectives of other cultures. Through language study, they will make connections with other content areas, compare the language and culture studied with their own, and participate in home and global communities.

FL2.IL.1 Students will perform at Intermediate Low level in spoken communication (2 way).

FL2.IL.2 Students will perform at Intermediate Low level in written communication (2 way).

Presentational

All students will be able to use a foreign language other than English to present information, concepts, and ideas, while also gaining an understanding of the perspectives of other cultures. Through language study, they will make connections with other content areas, compare the language and culture studied with their own, and participate in home and global communities.

FL3.IL.1 Students will present at the Intermediate Low level in a spoken presentation.

FL3.IL.2 Students will present at the Intermediate Low level in a written presentation.

Grade 3-12 World Languages & Cultures (2024)

Newly Adopted Set - To Be Fully Implemented by the Beginning of School Year 2028-29

Communication

Communicate effectively in a language other than English in order to function in a variety of situations and for multiple purposes.

- 3-12.WL.1.1 Interpersonal Communication: Students interact in spoken, signed, or written conversations, in a language other than English.
- 3-12.WL.1.2 Interpretive Communication: Students understand what is heard, viewed, or read, in a language other than English.
- 3-12.WL.1.3 Presentational Communication: Students present information and ideas in spoken, signed, or written form, in a language other than English.

Cultures

Develop and expand cultural competence and insight for effective interaction in social, academic, or career-related contexts.

- 3-12.WL.2.1 Cultures and Comparisons: Students use level-appropriate language to explore the relationships between the creations, behaviors, and viewpoints of the target cultures and compare them with their own.
- 3-12.WL.2.2 Interdisciplinary Connections: Students use the diverse perspectives gained from their study of language and culture to connect with other disciplines.

Grade 6-8 Computer Science Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2020 and 2023 Computer Science Standards were created in grade bands. Below are the Grade 6-8 Standards from each set. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the 3-year span.

End-of-Grade-Band Expectation

Throughout grades 6-8, students continue to develop their understanding of algorithms and programming (coding). Students work collaboratively and independently to create and modify increasingly complex programs for a variety of purposes introduced in grades 3-5.

By the end of 8th grade, students can:

- Systematically identify, recommend, resolve, and document increasingly complex software and hardware problems with computing devices and their components.
- Model the role of protocols in transmitting data across networks and the internet.
- Critique physical and digital procedures that could be implemented to protect electronic data/information.
- Use and refine computational tools to transform collected data in order to make it more useful and reliable.
- Create flowcharts and pseudocode to design algorithms to solve complex problems.
- Create clearly named variables that represent different data types and perform operations on their values.
- Design and iteratively develop programs that combine control structures, including nested loops and compound conditionals.
- Decompose problems into parts to facilitate the design, implementation, and review of programs.
- Create procedures with parameters to organize code and make it easier to reuse.
- Seek and incorporate feedback from team members and users to refine a solution to a problem.
- Describe impacts associated with computing technologies that affect people's everyday activities and career options along with issues of bias and accessibility in the design of technologies.
- Practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating in an online community, including identifying and reporting inappropriate behavior.
- Describe tradeoffs between allowing information to be public and keeping information private and secure.
- Discuss the legal, social, and ethical impacts associated with software development and use, including both positive and malicious intent.

Plugged in:



This symbol designates when a standard may require hardware, software, or both in order to fully address the intent of the standard.

Computer Science (CS) Practices

1. Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture
2. Collaborating Around Computing
3. Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems
4. Developing and Using Abstractions
5. Creating Computational Artifacts
6. Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts
7. Communicating About Computing


Grade 6-8 Computer Science (2020)

Previously Adopted Set - To Be Phased Out by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Computing Systems

Devices (D), Hardware & Software (HS), and Troubleshooting (T)

8.CS.D.01 Recommend improvements to the design of computing devices based on an analysis of how a variety of users interact with the device. [Practice 3.3 Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems]


 **8.CS.HS.01** Design and refine a project that combines hardware and software components to collect and exchange data. [Practice 5.1 Creating Computational Artifacts]

8.CS.T.01 Systematically identify, resolve, and document increasingly complex software and hardware problems with computing devices and their components. [Practice 6.2 Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts]

Network and the Internet

Network, Communication, & Organization (NCO) and Cybersecurity (C)

8.NI.NCO.01 Model the role of protocols in transmitting data across networks and the internet (e.g., explain protocols and their importance to data transmission; model how packets are broken down into smaller pieces and how they are delivered). [Practice 4.4 Developing and Using Abstractions]


 **8.NI.C.01** Critique physical and digital procedures that could be implemented to protect electronic data/information. [Practice 7.3 Communicating About Computing]


8.NI.C.02 Apply multiple methods of encryption to model the secure transmission of data. [Practice 4.4 Developing and Using Abstractions]

Data Analysis

Storage (S), Collection, Visualization, & Transformation (CVT), and Inference & Models (IM)

8.DA.S.01 Represent data using multiple encoding schemes (e.g., ASCII, binary). [Practice 4.4 Developing and Using Abstractions]

 **8.DA.CVT.01** Using computational tools, transform collected data to make it more useful and reliable. [Practice 6.3 Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts]


 **8.DA.IM.01** Refine computational models based on generated data. [Practice 4.4 Developing and Using Abstractions] [Practice 5.3 Creating Computational Artifacts]


Algorithms and Programming

Algorithms (A), Variables (V), Control (C), Modularity (M), and Program Development (PD)

8.APA.01 Create flowcharts and pseudocode to design algorithms to solve complex problems. [Practice 4.1 & 4.4 Developing and Using Abstractions]


8.AP.V.01 Using grade appropriate content and complexity, create clearly named variables that represent different data types and perform operations on their values. [Practice 5.1 & 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts]

 **8.AP.C.01** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, design and iteratively develop programs that combine control structures, including nested loops and compound conditionals. [Practice 5.1 & 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts]

- 8.AP.M.01** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the design, implementation, and review of programs. [Practice 3.2 Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems]
- 8.AP.M.02** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, create procedures with parameters to organize code and make it easier to reuse. [Practice 4.1 & 4.3 Developing and Using Abstractions]
- 8.AP.PD.01** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, seek and incorporate feedback from team members and users to refine a solution to a problem. [Practice 1.1 Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture] [Practice 2.3 Collaborating Around Computing]
-  **8.AP.PD.02** Incorporate existing code, media, and libraries into original programs of increasing complexity and give attribution. [Practice 4.2 Developing and Using Abstractions] [Practice 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts] [Practice 7.3 Communicating About Computing]
- 8.AP.PD.03** Systematically test and refine programs using a range of test cases. [Practice 6.1 Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts]
- 8.AP.PD.04** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, document programs in order to make them easier to follow, test, and debug. [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]
- 8.AP.PD.05** Distribute tasks and maintain a project timeline when collaboratively developing computational artifacts. [Practice 2.2 Collaborating Around Computing]

Impacts of Computing

Culture (C), Social Interactions (SI), and Safety, Law, and Ethics (SLE)

- 8.IC.C.01** Describe impacts associated with computing technologies that affect people's everyday activities and career options. [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]
- 8.IC.C.02** Describe issues of bias and accessibility in the design of technologies. [Practice 1.2 Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture]
- 8.IC.SI.01** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, collaborate using tools to connect with peers when creating a computational artifact. [Practice 2.4 Collaborating Around Computing] [Practice 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts]
-  **8.IC.SI.02** Practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating in an online community. Identify and report inappropriate behavior. [Practice 2.1 Collaborating Around Computing] [Practice 7.3 Communicating About Computing]
- 8.IC.SLE.01** Using grade appropriate content and complexity, describe tradeoffs between allowing information to be public and keeping information private and secure. [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]
- 8.IC.SLE.02** Using grade level appropriate content and complexity, discuss the legal, social, and ethical impacts associated with software development and use, including both positive and malicious intent. [Practice 1.1 Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture] [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]

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Computing Systems

Devices (D), Hardware & Software (HS), and Troubleshooting (T)



8.CS.HS.01 Design and refine a project that combines hardware and software components to collect and exchange data. [Practice 5.1 Creating Computational Artifacts]

Network & The Internet

Network, Communication, & Organization (NCO) and Cybersecurity (C)



8.NI.C.01 Critique physical and digital procedures that could be implemented to protect electronic data/information. [Practice 7.3 Communicating About Computing]

Data Analysis

Storage (S), Collection, Visualization, & Transformation (CVT), and Inference & Models (IM)



8.DA.CVT.01 Using computational tools, transform collected data to make it more useful and reliable. [Practice 6.3 Testing and Refining Computational Artifacts]

Algorithms & Programming

Algorithms (A), Variables (V), Control (C), Modularity (M), and Program Development (PD)

8.AP.V.01 Using grade appropriate content and complexity, create clearly named variables that represent different data types and perform operations on their values. [Practice 5.1 & 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts]



8.AP.C.01 Using grade appropriate content and complexity, design and iteratively develop programs that combine control structures, including nested loops and compound conditionals. [Practice 5.1 & 5.2 Creating Computational Artifacts]

8.AP.M.01 Using grade appropriate content and complexity, decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the design, implementation, and review of programs. [Practice 3.2 Recognizing and Defining Computational Problems]

8.AP.PD.04 Using grade appropriate content and complexity, document programs in order to make them easier to follow, test, and debug. [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]

Impacts of Computing

Culture (C), Social Interactions (SI), and Safety, Law, and Ethics (SLE)

8.IC.C.01 Describe impacts associated with computing technologies that affect people's everyday activities and career options. [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]



8.IC.SI.02 Practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating in an online community. Identify and report inappropriate behavior. [Practice 2.1 Collaborating Around Computing] [Practice 7.3 Communicating About Computing]

8.IC.SLE.02 Using grade level appropriate content and complexity, discuss the legal, social, and ethical impacts associated with software development and use, including both positive and malicious intent. [Practice 1.1 Fostering an Inclusive Computing Culture] [Practice 7.2 Communicating About Computing]

Grade 5-8/6-8 Fine & Performing Arts Standards

Grade Band Note:

The 2013 and 2023 Fine & Performing Arts Standards were created in grade bands—the 2013 F&PA grade bands being K-4, 5-8, and 9-11, and the 2023 F&PA grade bands being K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Below are the standards grade bands that include Grade 8 from each set. Please note school districts make local decisions on how to break up/repeat these standards across the grade band spans.

Grade 5-8 Fine & Performing Arts (2013)

Previously Adopted Set - To Be Phased Out by the Beginning of School Year 2026-27

Domain Organization:

For this set of Fine & Performing Arts Standards, each discipline—Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts—has its own benchmarks within its own domain so as to express each discipline’s crucial content and skills in language congruent with the national standards of the field while also recognizing foundational skills and knowledge with common standards.

Visual Arts

Creative Expression Through Production

Students create, perform, exhibit, or participate in the arts.

- FPA8.1.A.1** Students create and revise original art to express ideas, experiences, and stories.
- FPA8.1.A.2** Students select and recognize qualities and characteristics of art media, techniques, technologies, and processes to communicate their experiences and ideas through art.
- FPA8.1.A.3** Students analyze the use of the elements and principles of design in their artwork.
- FPA8.1.A.4** Students collaborate with others in creative artistic processes.
- FPA8.1.A.5** Students use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- FPA8.1.A.6** Students prepare and exhibit their artwork.

Aesthetic Perception

Students respond to, analyze, and make informed judgments about the arts.

- FPA8.2.A.1** Students observe and describe in detail the physical properties of works of art.
- FPA8.2.A.2** Students interpret art, identifying subjects, themes, and symbols that communicate their knowledge of context, values, and meaning.
- FPA8.2.A.3** Students describe and analyze works of art using the language of artistic elements and principles.
- FPA8.2.A.4** Students form and defend their preferences for artists and specific works.

Historical and Cultural Context

Students demonstrate an understanding of the arts in relation to history, cultures, and contemporary society.

- FPA8.3.A.1** Students know, identify, and compare the characteristics of works of art from various environments, eras, and cultures.
- FPA8.3.A.2** Students describe and place a variety of art objects in historical, environmental, and cultural contexts.
- FPA8.3.A.3** Students analyze, describe, and relate how factors of culture, time, and environment influence visual characteristics that give meaning and value to a work of art.

Artistic Connections

Students relate the arts to other disciplines, careers, and everyday life.

- FPA8.4.A.1** Students describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with the visual arts.
- FPA8.4.A.2** Students explore visual arts careers and recreational opportunities and investigate the artistic skills needed for those opportunities.
- FPA8.4.A.3** Students recognize the role of visual artists in their culture and investigate how these artists create their work.
- FPA8.4.A.4** Students demonstrate appropriate behavior in a variety of art settings.

Dance

Creative Expression Through Production

Students create, perform, exhibit, or participate in the arts.

- FPA8.1.D.1** Students demonstrate and explain isolated and coordinated dance movements with body awareness and intent.
- FPA8.1.D.2** Students perform movements with an understanding of alignment, balance, initiation of movement, range of motion, weight shift, elevation and landing, fall and recovery.
- FPA8.1.D.3** Students apply and analyze the elements of dance in their own and others' performance.
- FPA8.1.D.4** Students understand and perform musical phrasing.
- FPA8.1.D.5** Students perform multiple movement phrases to demonstrate different choreographic structures and forms. Students explain the choreographic structures they performed.
- FPA8.1.D.6** Explore and discuss ways of using technologies with dance.
- FPA8.1.D.7** Students use improvisation and revision to choreograph to communicate images, ideas, intent, situations, or feelings.

Aesthetic Perception

Students respond to, analyze, and make informed judgments about the arts.

- FPA8.2.D.1** Students explain how different kinds of movement impact meaning and interpretation of artistic choices.
- FPA8.2.D.2** Students observe or perform dance and discuss the main ideas of the dance, articulating emotional and kinesthetic responses in relation to personal context.
- FPA8.2.D.3** Students use dance terminology to analyze how technical, organizational, and dance elements contribute to the ideas, aesthetic quality, and impact of the performance.
- FPA8.2.D.4** Students discuss how production elements contribute to the ideas and impact of the performance.

Historical and Cultural Context

Students demonstrate an understanding of the arts in relation to history, cultures, and contemporary society.

- FPA8.3.D.1** Students explain how values and beliefs are reflected in dance in their community and in different cultures.
- FPA8.3.D.2** Students investigate historical events and periods and their influence on dance.
- FPA8.3.D.3** Students compare and contrast choreography from a variety of styles of dance.
- FPA8.3.D.4** Students recognize the role of dancers in their community and investigate how these artists create their work.

Artistic Connections

Students relate the arts to other disciplines, careers, and everyday life.

FPA8.4.D.1 Students cite examples of concepts common between dance and other disciplines.

FPA8.4.D.2 Students understand the relationships between various careers in and related to dance.

FPA8.4.D.3 Students identify personal goals to improve themselves as dancers and the steps they are taking to reach those goals.

FPA8.4.D.4 Students are attentive and respond appropriately to vocal, musical, social, or observed cues.

FPA8.4.D.5 Students understand the economics of dance, including the role of advocacy and philanthropy.

Music

Creative Expression Through Production

Students create, perform, exhibit, or participate in the arts.

FPA8.1.M.1 Students demonstrate musicianship through individual practice, rehearsal, and revision.

FPA8.1.M.2 Students perform independently and with others a varied repertoire of music, demonstrating correct posture, playing position, breath control, dynamics, intonation, range, and tone quality.

FPA8.1.M.3 Students improvise rhythms, melodies, and accompaniments within a consistent style, meter, and tonality.

FPA8.1.M.4 Students compose and arrange music within specified guidelines.

FPA8.1.M.5 Students develop musical literacy through reading, sight reading, and notating music.

Aesthetic Perception

Students respond to, analyze, and make informed judgments about the arts.

FPA8.2.M.1 Students apply appropriate terminology in the analysis of compositional devices and techniques used in a musical work.

FPA8.2.M.2 Students respond to aural examples by describing musical elements of a varied repertoire of music.

FPA8.2.M.3 Students discuss criteria and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of their own and others' performances, compositions, arrangements, or improvisations.

FPA8.2.M.4 Students form and defend their preferences for musicians, musical works, and genres.

Historical and Cultural Context

Students demonstrate an understanding of the arts in relation to history, cultures, and contemporary society.

FPA8.3.M.1 Students describe distinguishing characteristics of musical genres or styles from various historical periods and cultures.

FPA8.3.M.2 Students listen to a varied repertoire of music and explain the characteristics that cause a work to be considered historically or culturally significant.

FPA8.3.M.3 Students compare the purposes of music, roles of musicians, and environments in which music is typically performed in a variety of world cultures.

Artistic Connections

Students relate the arts to other disciplines, careers, and everyday life.

FPA8.4.M.1 Students demonstrate safe, responsible, and appropriate behavior in a variety of musical settings.

- FPA8.4.M.2** Students describe ways in which other disciplines are interrelated with music.
- FPA8.4.M.3** Students develop an awareness of careers, cultural, and recreational opportunities in music.
- FPA8.4.M.4** Students discuss the economics of music, including the role of advocacy.

Theatre

Creative Expression Through Production

Students create, perform, exhibit, or participate in the arts.

- FPA8.1.T.1** Students perform in a theatrical setting.
- FPA8.1.T.2** Students create for a theatrical setting using technical theatre skills.
- FPA8.1.T.3** Students improve theatrical skills and self-discipline through rehearsal, practice, and memorization.
- FPA8.1.T.4** Students apply collaborative skills in the creative dramatic process.
- FPA8.1.T.5** Students explore character and theme within a dramatic piece.
- FPA8.1.T.6** Students understand the role of a script in a production.

Aesthetic Perception

Students respond to, analyze, and make informed judgments about the arts.

- FPA8.2.T.1** Students view and analyze a live performance including articulating emotional responses to the performance.
- FPA8.2.T.2** Students observe and analyze how technical, organizational, and theatrical elements contribute to the ideas, aesthetic quality, and impact of the theatrical form.
- FPA8.2.T.3** Students interpret dramatic works, identifying subjects, themes, artistic choices, and symbols that communicate their knowledge of context, values, and meaning through use of theatrical terminology.
- FPA8.2.T.4** Students explain personal preferences for dramatic works and styles through the influence of personal experiences.
- FPA8.2.T.5** Students read and analyze a script.

Historical and Cultural Context

Students demonstrate an understanding of the arts in relation to history, cultures, and contemporary society.

- FPA8.3.T.1** Students investigate dramatic works as belonging to various cultures, times, and places.
- FPA8.3.T.2** Students explain how history, culture, and theatre influence each other.

Artistic Connections

Students relate the arts to other disciplines, careers, and everyday life.

- FPA8.4.T.1** Students demonstrate appropriate etiquette in a variety of theatrical settings.
- FPA8.4.T.2** Students demonstrate and practice safe and responsible behavior in theatrical spaces.
- FPA8.4.T.3** Students describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of theatre are interrelated with other disciplines.
- FPA8.4.T.4** Students explore careers and recreational opportunities utilizing theatrical skills.
- FPA8.4.T.5** Students recognize the role of theatre artists in their culture and investigate how these artists create their work.
- FPA8.4.T.6** Students understand the economics of the theatre, including the role of advocacy and philanthropy.

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C3. Create 3

8.FPA.C3 Refine and complete artistic work.

P3. Present 3

8.FPA.P3 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

R3. Respond 3

8.FPA.R3 Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

C01. Connect 1

8.FPA.C01 Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

C02. Connect 2

8.FPA.C02 Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.