

**PREPARING FLORIDA'S CHILDREN
FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE**



All Florida students deserve to graduate high school with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college, careers and life. Over the last several years, Florida has made strong academic gains. We know today's workforce requires our graduates to have stronger critical thinking, problem solving and communications skills than ever before. Higher standards that challenge and motivate our students are essential.

To address this need, education leaders across the state of Florida improved our academic content standards, creating new expectations for what students need to know and be able to do. The Florida Standards are designed to ensure that **ALL** students reach their greatest potential. All K–12 schools will be implementing these standards during the 2014–2015 school year.

Take a look at why the Florida Standards matter for students, educators, parents and families, and business and communities.

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BENEFITS OF THE FLORIDA STANDARDS

Challenge STUDENTS to develop their full potential.

The Florida Standards are designed to engage students so that they gain the critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for college, career and life—whatever their path may be.



STUDENTS



Engage PARENTS AND FAMILIES to prepare children to have the life skills they need and support learning at home.

Parents and families can better understand what students need to know at each grade level so that they can help students learn at home. With clear expectations for learning, parents can feel confident in their children's readiness for the future.



PARENTS & FAMILIES



TEACHERS



Give TEACHERS a structure for student learning expectations and freedom to personalize instruction.

The Florida Standards cover fewer topics so that teachers can ensure every student masters the learning concepts. This freedom allows teachers to get creative and collaborate across classrooms to bring the best instruction to their students.



BUSINESS & COMMUNITY



Connect the classroom with real-world BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY needs.

The Florida Standards ensure that students have the experience and skills needed for the real world so that employers feel confident in the readiness of new hires. The standards help students learn to communicate and solve challenging problems.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES YOU CAN USE TO COMMUNICATE AND COLLABORATE



While we all play different roles, each of us makes a huge impact on the student learning experience. Visit www.FLStandards.org to access resources for:

STUDENTS



Tools to help you improve your critical thinking and problem-solving skills and prepare you for the future.

PARENTS & FAMILIES



Tips for how you can support your child's learning at home.

ADMINISTRATORS



Materials to help teachers and effectively communicate with parents.

TEACHERS



Resources to help you teach the Florida Standards in English language arts and mathematics in engaging and effective ways—and collaborate with other teachers to identify what our students need most.

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY



Information on how the Florida Standards will better prepare students to apply English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and other skills they need for success on the job—and what you can do to provide students real-world learning experiences.

In addition to new standards for English language arts and mathematics, Florida schools are implementing standards for student expectations in social studies, science, world languages, arts, gifted programs, health education, physical education and special skills. Learn more about each learning standard for every grade level at www.FLStandards.org.

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