

Florida Standards for Parents

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What do Parents Need to Know?

What are the Florida Standards?

- The Florida Standards are learning expectations in English and Math designed to prepare K-12 students for **college and career success.**

The Florida Standards

- The Florida Standards correspond to what is expected of students at each grade level in **English and Math.**

The Florida Standards

- Are aligned with college and work expectations

What are the benefits for parents of Florida Standards?

- Ensure that all students will be focused on graduating from high school prepared for college and careers.
- Standards will be the same for all students in states adopting the CCSS, 46 US states.

What Can Parents Do To Prepare for the Florida Standards?

- Attend Parent Workshops and Meetings
- Parent Involvement
- Provide homework help
- Volunteer in your child's school

What Can Parents Do To Prepare for the Florida Standards?

- Talk to your children about the importance of graduating from high school ready for college and career success.

Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects

- The standards for English describe the knowledge and skills that students will develop in reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language.
- The standards also describe how students use and strengthen these skills, in reading and writing, in other subjects at their grade level.

A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

English Language Arts & Literacy:

- Naming upper-and lower-case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- Comparing the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, such as fairy tales and folktales
- Retelling familiar stories and talking about stories read to them using details from the text

Help Your Child Learn at Home

English Language Arts & Literacy:
(specifically for 5th grade students)

- Invite your child to read his or her writing out loud to other family members. Ask questions about your child's word choices and ideas.
- Discuss your family stories and history.
- Go to a play or musical with your child. Discuss the way the actors bring the words to life.

Key Features of the Standards

- **Reading:** reading and understanding complex text
- **Writing:** responding to reading using evidence from the text
- **Speaking and listening:** participating in classroom discussions using academic vocabulary and vocabulary from the text
- **Language:** Conventions (grammar), effective use, and vocabulary

Standards for Mathematical Practice and Mathematical Content

Two Types for Standards:

- One for mathematical practice (how students are able to apply and extend math principles)
- One for mathematical content (what students know about math)

A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

Mathematics:

- Counting objects to tell how many there are
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group, if either, has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- Adding with a sum of 10 or less; subtracting from a number 10 or less; and solving addition and subtraction word problems.

Example Standards for **Fifth-Grade Mathematics**

Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions. ($\frac{1}{3} : 4 = \frac{1}{12}$)

- Solve real-world problems involving division of unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers and division of whole numbers by unit fractions.

How to Help Your Child Learn at Home

English Language Arts & Literacy

- ◉ Read with your child every day
- ◉ Visit the library with your child
- ◉ Encourage your child to tell you about his or her day at school.
- ◉ Play word games, such as crossword puzzle, letter blocks, hangman, scramble, etc.

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Mathematics

(specifically for 5th grade students)

- Doing arithmetic with decimals, for example when balancing a checkbook.
- Multiplying with fractions—for example, if you used about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a $\frac{3}{4}$ -cup measure of vegetable stock, then how much stock did you use? About how much is left?
- Using the length, width, and depth of a garden plot to determine how many bags of garden soil to buy.

Talking to Your Child's Teacher

- When talking to the teacher keep the conversation focused on the most important topics.
- Ask to see a sample of your child's work. Ask the teacher questions such as: Is this piece of work satisfactory? How could it be better? Is my child on track? How can I help my child improve or excel in this area?

Resources

3 min. video explaining the Florida Standards

- ◉ http://vimeo.com/51933492_ (English)
- ◉ http://vimeo.com/51947947_ (Spanish)
- ◉ www.corestandards.org
- ◉ <http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/>