



LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**K-5 Curriculum Benchmarks
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Lexington Public Schools Core Purposes

Academic Excellence for All Children

- Set high standard in both the planning process and day-to-day interactions
- Use data and results to evaluate ourselves and our practices
- Work hard and persevere
- Confront problems without delay
- Take personal responsibility to improve the quality of programs

Respectful and Caring Relationships

- Use open and honest communication
- Help others
- Use effective teamwork
- Acknowledge that other people have value, even when you disagree with their ideas or behavior
- Treat people the way you would want to be treated

A Culture of Reflection, Conversation, Collaboration and Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Reflection – analyze our individual and collective practices

Conversation – generate and evaluate ideas and practices with colleagues

Collaboration – work with colleagues to achieve individual, group, school or system goals

Commitment to continuous improvement – act on multiple sources of data to improve practice

We work each and every day to make these Core Purposes a reality.

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End of Year Literacy Benchmarks Kindergarten- Grade Five

The Lexington Public Schools kindergarten- grade five literacy benchmarks represent the standards that students are expected to achieve by the end of each grade level. These standards are derived from the 2011 *MASSACHUSETTS CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY Grades Pre-Kindergarten to 12 Incorporating the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects*.
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/ela/0311.pdf>.

Reading: Text Complexity and the Growth of Comprehension

The Reading standards place equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skill with which they read. The reading standards define a grade-by-grade “staircase” of increasing text complexity that rises from beginning reading to the college and career readiness level. Whatever they are reading, students must also show a steadily growing ability to discern more from and make fuller use of text, including making an increasing number of connections among ideas and between texts; considering a wider range of textual evidence; and becoming more sensitive to inconsistencies, ambiguities, and poor reasoning in texts.

Writing: Text Types, Responding to Reading, and Research

The Writing standards acknowledge the fact that whereas some writing skills, such as the ability to plan, revise, edit, and publish, are applicable to many types of writing, other skills are more properly defined in terms of specific writing types: opinion/ arguments, informative/explanatory texts, and narratives. The standards stress the importance of the writing-reading connection by requiring students to draw upon and write about evidence from literary and informational texts. Because of the centrality of writing to most forms of inquiry, research standards are included in this strand, and are infused throughout the standards.

Speaking and Listening: Flexible Communication and Collaboration

The Speaking and Listening standards require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interpersonal skills, including but not limited to skills necessary for formal presentations. Students must learn to work together; express and listen carefully to ideas; integrate information from oral, visual, quantitative, and media sources; evaluate what they hear; use media and visual displays strategically to help achieve communicative purposes; and adapt speech to context and task.

Language: Conventions, Effective Use, and Vocabulary

The Language standards include the essential “rules” of standard written and spoken English, but they also approach language as a matter of craft and informed choice among alternatives. These standards include conventional spelling of grade level words, and handwriting. The vocabulary standards focus on understanding words and phrases, their relationships, and their nuances, and on acquiring new vocabulary, particularly general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.

K-5 Literacy

Kindergarten

Benchmarks for Kindergarten Readers

In Kindergarten, the expectation is that students are interacting with many and varied types of text. The student understands texts read aloud, reads grade-level texts, and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise. These reading behaviors may be demonstrated during read aloud, shared reading, guided reading, writing, and/or independent reading.

- Demonstrates an understanding of the organization of text
- Demonstrates an understanding of spoken word, syllables, and sounds
- Applies kindergarten phonics and word analysis skills
- Comprehends a variety of genres: informational, literature, poetry
- Engages with grade-level texts with purpose and understanding

Benchmarks for Kindergarten Writers

The student begins to develop personal style as a writer, acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and understands purposes for writing. The student produces various types of writing and uses appropriate punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and grammar in writing.

- Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces about a topic
- Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to convey information about a topic
- Uses a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate an event and provide a reaction to what happened
- Recognizes all upper and lower case letters
- Knows all letter sounds

Benchmarks for Kindergarten Speakers and Listeners

The student masters a range of skills and applications – speaks, listens, and participates effectively in both formal and informal situations. The student speaks using kindergarten language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Participates in discussions by listening actively and contributing knowledge and ideas
- Demonstrates understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally
- Asks and answers questions to seek help, get information, or deepen understanding
- Describes familiar people, places, things, and events
- Speak audibly and expresses thoughts, feelings, and ideas

Benchmarks for Kindergarten Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of kindergarten punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Prints all upper and lowercase letters
- Demonstrates command of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling with writing
- Spells simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relations in writing
- Uses vocabulary words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts

Grade 1

Benchmarks for Grade 1 Readers of Literature and Informational Text

In first grade, the expectation is that students are interacting with many and varied types of texts. The student understands texts read aloud, reads first grade-level texts, and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise. The student demonstrates the characteristics of a beginning reader.

- Applies first grade phonics and word analysis skills
- Demonstrates an understanding of spoken word, syllables, and sounds
- Reads common high-frequency words
- Demonstrates an understanding of the organization and basic features of text
- Reads and comprehends a variety of genres
- Asks and answers questions about key details in a text
- Demonstrates an understanding of story structure
- Reads first grade texts with purpose and understanding

Benchmarks for Grade 1 Writers

The student continues to develop personal style as a writer. The student acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and produces various types of writing. He or she demonstrates an understanding of first grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and the various purpose and audiences for writing.

- Writes opinion pieces that name a topic or book, an opinion, a reason for the opinion, and a sense of closure
- Writes informative texts that name a topic, supplies some facts, and provides a sense of closure
- Writes narratives with appropriately sequenced events, some details, word to signal event order, and a sense of closure

Benchmarks for Grade 1 Speakers and Listeners

The student speaks, listens, and participates effectively in formal and informal situations and uses language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Participates in discussions by listening actively and contributing knowledge and ideas
- Asks and answers questions to seek help, get information, or deepen understanding
- Demonstrates understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally
- Describes people, places, things and events with relevant details
- Produces complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation

Benchmarks for Grade 1 Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of first grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary development. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Writes legibly and forms upper and lowercase letters accurately
- Demonstrates command of capitalization and punctuation, and spelling when writing
- Spells high-frequency and phonetic words correctly and approximates the spelling of unfamiliar words in writing
- Uses vocabulary words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts

Grade 2

Benchmarks for Grade 2 Readers of Literature and Informational Text

The student reads second grade texts and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise.

- Applies second grade phonics and word analysis skills
- Reads common high-frequency words
- Reads and comprehends a variety of genres
- Asks and answers questions to demonstrate understanding of key information in a text
- Demonstrates an understanding of story structures
- Reads second grade texts with purpose and understanding
- Knows and uses various text features to locate key information in text

Benchmarks for Grade 2 Writers

The student continues to develop personal style as a writer. The student acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and produces various types of writing. He or she demonstrates an understanding of grade level punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and the various purposes and audiences for writing.

- Writes opinion pieces with a well developed topic, supporting reasons, and a conclusion
- Writes informative texts with a well developed topic, facts, and a conclusion
- Writes narratives with a well elaborated event, details, words that signal event order, and a sense of closure
- Writes stories or poems with dialogue
- Strengthens writing as needed by revising and editing

Benchmarks for Grade 2 Speakers and Listeners

The student speaks, listens, and views effectively in formal and informal situations and uses language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Engages in a range of discussion
- Asks and answers questions to seek help, get information, or deepen understanding
- Tells a story or recounts an experience with facts and descriptive details
- Produces complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation

Benchmarks for Grade 2 Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of second grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and grammar. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Uses knowledge of English and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading
- Spells high-frequency and phonetics words correctly
- Uses learned spelling patterns when writing words
- Uses vocabulary words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts

Grade 3

Benchmarks for Grade 3 Readers of Literature and Informational Text

The student reads third grade-level texts with fluency and understanding and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise.

- Knows and applies third grade phonics and word analysis skills
- Asks and answers questions about important concepts and key details in a text
- Demonstrates an understanding of story structures
- Determines main idea of a text, cites details to support conclusion
- Summarizes important ideas and details of a text
- Knows and uses text features and search tools to locate key information
- Reads and comprehends a variety of genres
- Reads third grade texts with purpose and understanding

Benchmarks for Grade 3 Writers

The student develops a personal style as a writer. The student acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and produces various types of writing. He or she demonstrates understanding of grade-level punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and the various purposes and audiences for writing.

- Writes opinion pieces supporting a point of view with relevant reasons
- Writes informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly
- Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, descriptive details, and clear event sequences
- Develops and strengthens writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing
- Conducts short research projects about a topic
- Knows and uses text features and search tools to locate information relevant to given topics

Benchmarks for Grade 3 Speakers and Listeners

The student speaks, listens, and views effectively in formal and informal situations, and uses language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Engages effectively in a range of discussions
- Asks and answers questions to seek help, get information, or deepen understanding
- Reports on a topic or text with facts and descriptive details
- Speaks effectively, adapting speech to a variety of context and tasks

Benchmarks for Grade 3 Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of third grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary development. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Uses knowledge of English and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading
- Determines or clarifies the meaning of unknown words and phrases
- Spells high-frequency and studied words correctly
- Uses learned spelling patterns in writing words
- Acquires and uses academic and content specific vocabulary

Grade 4

Benchmarks for Grade 4 Readers of Literature and Informational Text

The student reads fourth grade-level texts with fluency and understanding and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise.

- Knows and applies fourth grade phonics and word analysis skills
- Summarizes important ideas and details in a text
- Determines the theme of a text
- Makes logical inferences through critical reading and thinking
- Demonstrates an understanding of multiple text structures
- Integrates information from related texts
- Reads and comprehends a variety of genres
- Reads fourth grade text with purpose and understanding

Benchmarks for Grade 4 Writers

The student develops personal style as a writer. The student acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and produces various types of writing. He or she demonstrates an understanding of fourth grade-level punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and the various purposes and audiences for writing.

- Writes opinion pieces on topics or texts supporting a point of view with reasons and information
- Writes information/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly
- Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, details, and clear event sequences
- Plans, drafts, revises, and edits product clear and coherent writing
- Plans for research by identifying topics and/or generating focus questions
- Gathers relevant information from multiple print and digital sources
- Writes with an understanding of various purposes and audiences

Benchmarks for Grade 4 Speakers and Listeners

The student speaks and listens effectively in formal and informal situations and uses language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Engages effectively in a range discussions
- Identifies the evidence a speaker provides to support particular points
- Expresses ideas or recounts an experience in an organized manner with facts and descriptive details
- Speaks effectively, adapting speech to a variety of context and tasks

Benchmarks for Grade 4 Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of fourth grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary development. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Uses knowledge of English and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading
- Determines or clarifies the meaning of unknown words and phrases
- Spells high-frequency and studied words correctly
- Uses learned spelling patterns when writing
- Acquires and uses academic and context specific vocabulary

Grade 5

Benchmarks for Grade 5 Readers of Literature and Informational Text

The student reads fifth grade-level texts with fluency and understanding and responds critically to develop understanding and expertise.

- Knows and applies fifth grade phonics and word analysis skills
- Reads and comprehends a variety of genres
- Reads fifth grade texts with purpose and understanding
- Summarizes important ideas and key details in a text
- Makes logical inferences through critical reading and thinking using explicit information from a text
- Demonstrates an understanding of multiple text structures
- Integrates information from multiple sources to support conclusions

Benchmarks for Grade 5 Writers

The student demonstrates a personal style as a writer. The student acquires a way of thinking about writing, revisits writing, and produces various types of writing. He or she demonstrates an understanding of fifth grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, and the various purposes and audiences for writing,

- Writes opinion pieces, on topics or text, supporting a point of view with reasons and information
- Writes information/explanatory text to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly
- Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experience or events using descriptive details and clear event sequences
- Produces clear and coherent writing in which the development of organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
- Produces clear and coherent writing that reflects the writing process and align with traits of effective writing
- Develops and strengthens writing as needed by planning, drafting, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach

Benchmarks for Grade 5 Speakers and Listeners

The student speaks and listens effectively in formal and informal situations, and uses language appropriate to the situation and audience.

- Engages effectively in a range of discussions
- Summarizes ideas, experiences, and information attained from diverse sources
- Presents information and opinions, sequences ideas logically, and uses facts and details

Benchmarks for Grade 5 Language

The student demonstrates an understanding of fifth grade punctuation, capitalization, spelling, handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary development. The student uses multiple reference tools to acquire new knowledge and make informed decisions.

- Uses knowledge of English and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading
- Determines or clarifies the meaning of unknown words and phrases
- Spells fifth grade and studied words correctly
- Acquires and uses academic and content specific vocabulary

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K-5 Mathematics Standards

The elementary mathematics program is aligned with the *Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for Mathematics* and the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*. At each grade level, students work with **Practice Standards** that span Kindergarten through grade twelve, and **Content Standards** that are grade-specific and describe the specific skills and concepts that proficient students know and understand.

Standards for Mathematical Practice

The Practice Standards describe the ways that mathematically proficient students *do* mathematics. These standards describe the "habits of mind" of a mathematically proficient student –good math habits and strategies that serve as the foundation for learning and using mathematics. These practices help students "think like a mathematician". They outline important processes and proficiencies that students develop in Kindergarten through grade twelve.

Makes sense of problems and perseveres in solving them – Students make sense of problems by using concrete objects, pictures, diagrams, and contexts. They are presented with problems that do not have immediate answers and are encouraged to model solution strategies. They interact with peers and teachers as they think about problems and find pathways to the solution.

Attends to precision – Students use accurate vocabulary and mathematical symbols to help communicate precisely. They calculate accurately and efficiently and express numerical answers with a degree of precision appropriate for the context.

Reasons and explains – Students represent situations with symbols and use multiple representations to describe how numbers relate to each other. They explain, justify, and defend their conclusions and communicate them to others using words, symbols, drawings and diagrams.

Models and uses tools – Students use objects or representations of situations to explain why their answers make sense. They solve problems in context and provide contexts for mathematical expressions. They use tools such as, diagrams, number lines, tables, and graphs to represent relationships. They use manipulatives, measurement, and graphing tools strategically and appropriately to make sense of specific mathematics concepts.

Sees structure and generalizes – Students identify the structures that they see and make use of them as they further their understanding. They identify properties, relationships and patterns to reason, make sense of mathematics, and to solve problems. They discover rules and apply shortcuts.

K-5 Mathematics Content Standards

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Content Standards

In Kindergarten, the focus of student learning is on two areas:

1. Representing, relating, and operating on whole numbers with sets of objects and numerals
2. Describing shapes and space

Counting and Cardinality

- Knows the number names and the count sequence to 100
- Counts to 100 by tens
- Counts to tell the number of objects to 30+
- Compares numbers to 10 (greater than, less than, equal to)
- Reads and writes numerals to 20

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Demonstrates an understanding of addition as putting together and adding to
- Demonstrates an understanding of subtraction as taking apart and taking from
- Solves addition story problems within 10 with objects or drawings
- Solves subtraction story problems within 10 with objects or drawings

Number and Operation in Base Ten

- Uses objects and drawings to demonstrate an understanding that the numbers 11-19 are composed of a ten and ones

Measurement and Data

- Describes and compares measurable attributes such as length and weight
- Classifies objects and counts the number of objects in categories

Geometry

- Identifies and describes two- and three-dimensional shapes
- Analyzes, compares, creates and composes shapes
- Describes the relative position of objects using terms (above, below, beside, in front of, behind, and next to)

Grade 1

Grade One Content Standards

In grade one, the focus of student learning is on four areas:

1. Developing understanding of addition, subtraction, and strategies for addition and subtraction within 20
2. Developing understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones
3. Developing understanding of linear measurement and measuring lengths
4. Reasoning about attributes of, and composing and decomposing geometric shapes

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represents and solves story problems involving addition using objects, drawings and equations
- Represents and solves story problems involving subtraction using objects, drawings and equations
- Demonstrates an understanding of subtraction as comparing
- Demonstrates an understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction
- Demonstrates fluency with addition and subtraction facts within 10
- Uses strategies to add and subtract within 20
- Demonstrates an understanding of, and solves addition and subtraction equations

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Reads, writes, and compares numbers to 120
- Demonstrates an understanding of place value with tens and ones
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to add within 100 (2-digit + 1-digit, 2-digit + multiple of ten)
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to subtract multiples of ten from multiples of ten within 100
- Mentally adds and subtracts 10

Measurement and Data

- Demonstrates an understanding of linear measurement and compares lengths
- Tells and writes time from analog and digital clocks to the hour and half-hour
- Represents and interprets data
- Identifies and compares the value of U.S. coins and uses the appropriate notation

Geometry

- Composes and decomposes two- and three- dimensional shapes
- Identifies and represents $\frac{1}{2}$ as two equal parts of the whole and $\frac{1}{4}$ as four equal parts of the whole

Grade 2

Grade Two Content Standards

In grade two, the focus of student learning is on four areas:

1. Extending the understanding of base-ten notation
2. Building fluency with addition and subtraction
3. Using standard units of measure
4. Describing and analyzing shapes

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represents and solves one- and two-step problems involving addition and subtraction within 100
- Demonstrates fluency with addition and subtraction within 20
- Understands odd and even numbers

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Read, writes, and compares numbers to 1000
- Counts within 1000 by 5s, 10s and 100s
- Demonstrates an understanding of place value within 1000
- Mentally adds or subtracts 10 or 100
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to add numbers within 100
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to subtract numbers within 100

Measurement and Data

- Measures and estimates lengths in standard units
- Tells and writes time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest five minutes
- Solves money word problems (dollar bills, coins)
- Represents and interprets data using picture graphs and bar graphs

Geometry

- Describes and analyzes two- and three-dimensional shapes
- Partitions circles and rectangles into equal parts and describes using the words halves, thirds, half of, etc.

Grade 3

Grade Three Content Standards

In grade three, the focus of student learning is on four areas:

1. Developing understanding of multiplication and division and strategies for multiplication and division within 100
2. Developing understanding of fractions
3. Developing understanding of the structure of rectangular arrays and area
4. Describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Demonstrates an understanding of multiplication as equal groups
- Demonstrates an understanding of division as partitioning and equal shares
- Demonstrates an understanding of the properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division
- Represents and solves problems involving multiplication within 100
- Represents and solves problems involving division within 100
- Demonstrates fluency with multiplication facts through 9x9
- Solves multi-step problems involving the four operations
- Identifies and explains patterns in arithmetic

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Uses place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract within 1000
- Multiplies 1 digit numbers by multiples of 10

Number and Operations – Fractions

- Demonstrates an understanding of fractions as part of a whole and numbers on a number line
- Demonstrates an understanding of equivalent fractions
- Compares fractions with like numerators or like denominators

Measurement and Data

- Tells and write time from an analog and digital clock to the nearest minute
- Solves problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects
- Represents and interprets data using scaled picture graphs, scaled bar graphs, and line plots
- Demonstrates an understanding of area and perimeter

Geometry

- Analyzes, compares, and classifies two-dimensional shapes
- Partitions shapes into parts with equal areas and expresses the area of each part as a fraction

Grade 4

Grade Four Content Standards

In grade four, the focus of student learning is on three areas:

1. Developing understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication, and developing understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends
2. Developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers
3. Understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, particular angle measures, and symmetry

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Uses addition and subtraction with whole numbers to solve problems
- Uses multiplication and division with whole numbers to solve problems
- Solves multi-step problems including problems in which remainders have to be interpreted
- Demonstrates an understanding of factors and multiples
- Generates and analyzes number and shape patterns

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Demonstrates an understanding of place value of multi-digit whole numbers
- Knows multiplication facts and related division fact through 12×12
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit addition and subtraction
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to multiply 4-digit by 1-digit numbers and 2-digit by 2-digit numbers
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to divide 4-digit by 1-digit numbers

Number and Operations – Fractions

- Demonstrates an understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering
- Demonstrates an understanding of decimal notation for fractions with denominators of 10 and 100
- Compares decimals
- Adds and subtracts fractions and mixed numbers with like denominators
- Multiplies a fraction by a whole number

Measurement and Data

- Solves problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements within one system
- Demonstrates an understanding of angles and measures angles
- Applies the area and perimeter formulas for rectangles to real-life examples
- Represents and interprets data using line plots

Geometry

- Draws and identifies lines and angles, and classifies shapes by properties of their lines and angles
- Demonstrates an understanding of symmetry

Grade 5

Grade Five Content Standards

In grade five, the focus of student learning is on three areas:

1. Developing fluency with addition and subtraction of fractions, and developing understanding of multiplication of fractions and of division of fractions
2. Extending division to 2-digit divisors, integrating decimal fractions into the place value system and developing understanding of operations with decimals to hundredths, and developing fluency with whole number and decimal operations
3. Developing an understanding of volume

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Writes, interprets, and evaluates numerical expressions using all four operations and parentheses
- Uses patterns, graphs, and rules to describe the relationship between corresponding terms such as miles/hour

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Demonstrates an understanding of the place value system for multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to the thousandths
- Reads, writes and compares decimals to the thousandths
- Adds and subtracts multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to the hundredths
- Multiplies and divides multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to the hundredths

Number and Operations - Fractions

- Solves real world problems with fractions
- Uses equivalent fractions as a strategy to add or subtract fractions
- Applies understanding of multiplication and division when multiplying and dividing fractions

The Number System

- Uses positive and negative integers to describe quantities

Measurement and Data

- Converts like measurement units within a given measurement system
- Represents and interprets data using line plots
- Demonstrates an understanding of volume, and uses formulas to find volumes of rectangular prisms

Geometry

- Graphs points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world mathematical problems
- Classifies two-dimensional figures into categories based on their properties

K-5 Science and Technology/Engineering Benchmarks

The K-5 units of study focus on core concepts in all disciplines: life, earth and space, physical science, and technology/engineering. The curriculum supports opportunities for students to pose questions and problems, learn by doing, interact with one another and build their scientific knowledge over time. Student conversations, their writing and their reading play an important role in learning science and provide authentic integration opportunities across the content areas. Seasonal nature walks, in Lexington's Big Backyard, connect students and learning to their natural environment.

The elementary science program is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework. At each grade level, students work with **Practice Standards** that span kindergarten through grade twelve. These standards help describe the behavior of science as students investigate and build understanding about the world around them. The **Engineering Practices**, likewise, help students understand the work of engineers as well as the links between engineering and science. The **Content Standards** are grade-specific and describe the skills and concepts that proficient students know and understand.

Kindergarten

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- observes, describes, asks questions, and makes predictions regarding familiar objects and events
- communicates ideas through writing, drawing and discussion

Engineering Practices

- invents and builds simple constructions and improves design based on observations

Life Cycles

- observes and describes some of the characteristics of living things
- observes, identifies and describes some life processes of animals: breathing, movement, taking in nourishment, growth and reproduction
- gives examples of an animal interacting with its environment through its senses
- keeps a pictorial record of the development of a chick
- recognizes that plants and animals have specific needs in order to live: food, water and a place to live
- distinguishes plant parts such as roots, stems, leaves, flowers and seeds
- distinguishes between things that are alive and things that are not alive

Investigating Water

- describes the properties of water drops under different conditions
- demonstrates that water takes the shape of its container
- devises a variety of ways to move water
- predicts that water will always flow down unless something pushes it up
- recognizes that water sticks to itself and to other things
- gives examples of things that float in water and things that sink

Investigating Magnets:

- senses that a force is a push or a pull
- selects materials attracted by a magnet
- demonstrates that magnetic force can pass through various materials
- demonstrates that the ends of magnets sometimes attract each other and sometimes repel

Grade 1

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- observes and describes familiar objects and events
- uses scientific tools such as rulers, thermometers, and hand lenses
- asks questions and makes predictions based on experience with a particular object or event
- communicates science-related ideas through writing, drawing and discussion

Engineering Practices

- applies the principles of the engineering/design process (ask, imagine, plan, create, improve) to solve a problem

Balls and Ramps

- uses senses to sort objects into subsets using similarities and differences
- explores, observes and describes properties of balls and their motion
- explores relationships between the properties of balls and their movement on ramps of different degrees of steepness and surface texture
- conducts experiments using ramps, balls and different surfaces
- gains experience with the concepts of gravity, energy, forces, motion, and friction

Organisms

- uses a hand lens to observe and draw organisms
- describes the basic needs of plants: water, light, nutrients and air
- plants seeds and observes and records their growth
- sequences the stages of plant development
- describes the basic needs of animals: food, water, space and shelter
- recognizes that each type of organism has specific needs, such as type of food, amount of water, amount of space, and that these needs are met in the organism's habitat
- observes, compares, and records structures and behaviors of a variety of plants and animals in woodland and freshwater habitats
- describes changes in appearance that plants and animals go through as the seasons change

Investigating Light and Shadow

- lists a variety of light sources, including the Sun
- gains experience with the effect of materials on light; light can pass through, be reflected, or be absorbed by different materials
- identifies three things needed to produce a shadow: light, an object to block the light, and a surface on which the shadow is cast
- observes that shadows change depending on the location of the light source
- recognizes that light comes in different colors

Grade 2

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- observes and describes familiar objects and events
- sorts materials based on properties
- uses scientific tools such as rulers, thermometers, and hand lenses
- asks questions and conducts science investigations to test ideas
- makes predictions based on prior knowledge about a particular material or object
- communicates science-related ideas through writing, drawing and discussion

Engineering Practices

- applies the principles of the engineering/design process (ask, imagine, plan, create, improve) to solve a problem

The Life Cycle of the Butterfly

- uses a hand lens to draw and identify insect structures
- compares, predicts and discusses the larva's appearance and change over time
- compares the basic needs of a caterpillar (food, water, air and space) to those of a butterfly
- relates the differences in structure between caterpillar and butterfly mouthparts to the type of food each eats
- shows the life cycle of the butterfly through a diagram that includes egg, larva, chrysalis and adult; indicates that the cycle repeats when the butterfly lays eggs
- relates growth of a butterfly to his/her own growth and development

Changes

- describes some common changes that occur in the physical world around us
- recognizes that some changes happen quickly, and others take place over a period of time
- identifies three states of matter (gas, liquid, and solid) according to properties
- describes how water can be changed from one state to another by adding or taking away heat
- demonstrates that liquid water can freeze into a solid and then melt into a liquid again; and, can also evaporate into a gas and then condense into a liquid again; this can happen over and over (cycle)
- investigates mixtures of solids and liquids

Soils

- performs simple tests to describe and identify soil components: remains of plants and animals and bits of rock
- compares soil samples on the basis of color, particle size, and the ability to hold water
- predicts how plants will grow in different soils; documents investigation to confirm prediction
- explains the role of worms in soil formation
- analyzes the composition of backyard soil

Grade 3

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- uses appropriate science process skills: observing, classifying, measuring, questioning, predicting, inferring, recognizing patterns, recording and analyzing data
- designs and or conducts science investigations to test ideas
- communicates science-related ideas through writing, drawing and discussion

Engineering Practices

- applies the principles of the engineering/design process (ask, imagine, plan, create, improve) to solve a problem

Food Chains

- describes the important role of the sun as the source for all food energy
- recognizes the relationships between organisms in a food chain/web
- identifies green plants as producers (organisms that make their own food) and animals as consumers (organisms that eat plants or other animals)
- conducts investigations to learn about primary consumers and secondary consumers (i.e., crickets and anoles, or pond animals)
- describes the role of decomposers in breaking down dead plant and animal matter in soil
- recognizes that some organisms can become endangered if food sources change as habitats are disturbed

Chemical Tests

- observes and describes the properties of common household chemicals
- performs physical and chemical tests
- learns, through investigation, that chemicals undergo changes in form, color or texture when mixed together, separated or heated
- separates mixtures of solids and liquids by evaporating and filtering
- classifies acids, bases and neutral substances
- identifies an unknown chemical based on its properties

Water Cycle

- describes how water can be changed from one state to another by adding or taking away heat
- models the water cycle and identifies its parts (evaporation, condensation, precipitation, accumulation)
- recognizes that plants and animals take in and give off water as part of their life processes
- names forms of precipitation and relates the type of precipitation to the air temperature
- describes the role of wetlands in purifying water and controlling its flow
- explains how the actions of people can change the quality of water

Grade 4

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- generates questions that can be tested in a classroom investigation; designs and carries out investigations to answer a question
- uses evidence to draw conclusions and support scientific claims
- communicates observations and information clearly through writing, drawing, and discussion

Engineering Practices

- applies the principles of the engineering/design process (ask, imagine, plan, create, improve) to solve a problem

Animal Adaptations

- observes and describes the behavior and physical characteristics of an animal such as a crayfish or a mealworm
- names the group to which the animal belongs; compares and contrasts it with other animals
- describes the way in which the animal interacts with its environment through its senses; compares the animal's senses to human senses
- plans and carries out controlled experiments to investigate animal behavior
- relates the structure of an animal to its behavior (i.e., food-getting, movement, etc.)
- explains how an animal's body structures and behaviors are adaptations that help it to survive in its habitat

Stories in Stone: Rocks and Minerals

- tests minerals and classifies them according to their properties
- recognizes that rocks are made up of minerals
- groups rocks by their properties
- describes the origin of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks
- recognizes that evidence in rocks is used to tell about earth changes in the past
- explores processes that build up and tear down the earth's surface
- discovers that the earth is constantly changing

Sun, Moon and Planets

- measures time by observing patterns in position of the sun and phases of the moon
- recognizes that the same data (i.e., changes in shadow position) can be explained in more than one way
- explains the cause of night and day
- recognizes that the sun is a star and the center of the solar system
- describes the solar system including planets, moons, their arrangement and motion

Grade 5

The focus of student learning is in the following areas:

Science Practices

- generates questions that can be tested in a classroom investigation; designs and carries out a controlled experiment
- uses scientific tools and models to collect and interpret data
- uses evidence to draw conclusions and support scientific claims
- communicates observations and ideas through writing, visual displays, multi-media presentations and discussion

Engineering Practices

- applies the principles of the engineering/design process (ask, imagine, plan, create, improve) to design and construct a prototype of a solution to a given problem

Electric Circuits and Magnetism

- classifies materials into electrical conductors and non-conductors (insulators) by performing tests
- demonstrates that a complete circuit can be constructed in more than one way using the same materials
- builds a simple switch
- discovers that electricity can produce light, heat, sound, motion and magnetism
- recognizes that magnets have poles and that sometimes the poles attract each other and sometimes repel
- makes an electromagnet and demonstrates how to change its force
- constructs a model that utilizes electric circuits; explains the type of circuits involved and how they work in the model
- relates the amount of electricity used and pollutants resulting from its generation

Investigating and Inventing

- understands that scientists design different kinds of investigations depending on the questions they are trying to answer and that engineers design different kinds of inventions depending on the problems for which they seek solutions
- raises questions about the world and is willing to seek answers by making careful observations and trying things out
- recognizes when comparisons might not be fair because some conditions are not kept the same
- offers a reasonable explanation for the results of their investigation and considers explanations suggested by others
- supports point of view with scientific evidence and/or test results

Weather Investigations

- identifies the components of weather: air: temperature, pressure, and wind, water: clouds and precipitation
- measures properties of weather using various weather instruments
- explains that climate is average weather over a period of decades

Simple Machines

- identifies 6 simple machines
- recognizes that simple machines make it easier to do work
- designs and constructs a compound machine consisting of two or more simple machines and shows that it can be used to solve a problem

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K-5 Social Studies **Benchmarks**

The primary purpose of the Lexington Public Schools' Social Studies Department is to foster curiosity and help to create life-long learners who make informed decisions as they actively engage as citizens in their local, national, and global communities.

The Social Studies encompass history, as well as civics, economics, geography, sociology, and psychology. Over the course of their journey through the Lexington Public Schools, students will engage in learning experiences that will help them understand the major events and trends in these domains that have shaped the modern world. Through these experiences, students will be able to connect the past with the present and gain insights. The K-12 curriculum is designed to help students discover the relevance of social studies to their own lives. This interdisciplinary approach allows students to use multiple lenses to develop a sophisticated and culturally literate understanding of the world.

Students' engagement with the social studies curriculum will provide them with the tools needed to navigate a competitive and complex global society. Students will develop 21st Century Skills that include using a wide variety of technologies and emphasize the importance of gathering, analyzing and evaluating evidence and information. With these skills, students will discover their own authentic voice, learn to think independently, work collaboratively, and communicate their ideas effectively.

The skills and understanding students will acquire from kindergarten through high school have wide applicability both in the classroom and throughout their lives. The social studies curriculum helps young people become socially responsible citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society in an increasingly interdependent world.

Kindergarten

Living, Learning, and Working Together

At the kindergarten level, learning in history and social science is built on children's experiences in their families, school, community, state, and country. The picture books chosen for reading aloud, the stories told, and the songs they hear or learn are basic components of the curriculum. Children listen to stories about the people and events we celebrate in our national holidays and learn why we celebrate them. They also become familiar with our national symbols to help them develop a civic identity.

- Understands that people and communities create structures, rules, and ideas to solve problems
- Names occupations in the community and identifies the work associated with each
- Demonstrates an understanding that there are important American symbols by identifying: American flag, words of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the picture and name of the current president
- Recognizes globes and maps as representations of real places
- Identifies own street address, town, Massachusetts, and the United States
- Locates the commonly used areas in the classroom, school building, and immediate school neighborhood
- Identifies stories, historical figures, and observances connected with the United States
- Identifies ways in which his/her family are the same and different from other families
- Uses correctly words and phrases related to chronology and time (now, long ago, before, after, etc.)

Grade 1

Communities

In first grade, children learn about major historical events, people, and symbols related to the United States of America and its national holidays. Students also study concepts in geography, civics, and history, as they learn about the different types of communities of which they are a part. From the first grade classroom to our global communities, students will participate in a wide variety of experiences that allow them to explore their world.

- Understands that people and communities create structures, rules, and ideas to solve problems
- Identifies the current President of the United States and describes what presidents do
- Identifies and explains the meaning of American national symbols (American Flag, bald eagle, White House, Statue of Liberty)
- Discusses the general meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance
- Describes and creates a map as a representation of a place
- Identifies cardinal directions and applies them to maps and locations in the classroom
- Identifies landforms and bodies of water on a world map (continent, mountain, river, lake, ocean)
- Locates Washington, D.C. and Boston on a map and explains their significance
- Identifies significant pledges, stories, historical figures, and observances connected with the United States
- Describes families and ways of life in modern day China
- Correctly uses words and phrases related to chronology and time (now, in the past, in the future)

Grade 2

World Geography and Communities

Second graders study world geography and communities. They explore how geography impacts the daily lives of people in selected countries. Included in these country specific units, are the study of customs, languages, celebrations, and landmarks. They explore their own family's history and listen to or read a variety of teacher- or student-selected stories about: distinctive individuals, peoples, achievements, customs, events, places, or landmarks from around the world.

- Understands that people and communities create structures, rules and ideas to solve problems
- Gives examples of fictional characters or real people who are good leaders and citizens
- Locates continents, major bodies of water and landforms on a world map (e.g. Asia, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Mississippi River, Mt. Everest, etc.)
- Interprets map symbols using a legend
- Identifies the regions of the United States by directions (N, S, E, W)
- Understands how geography influences where and how people live
- Describes families and ways of life in modern day India and Ghana
- Creates an illustrated timeline that shows events in chronological order
- Understands and compares different ways people have achieved great distinction (e.g. scientific, professional, political, religious, commercial, military, athletics, or artistic)

Grade 3

Massachusetts and its Cities and Towns: Geography and History

Using local historic sites, historical societies, and museums, third graders learn about the history of Massachusetts from the time of the arrival of the Pilgrims. They also learn the history of Lexington and about famous people and events in Massachusetts' history. In addition, they read biographies of prominent Massachusetts's people in science, technology, the arts, business, education, or political leadership in order to learn how they contributed to Massachusetts's history.

- Identifies and discusses the importance of key American documents (e.g. Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights)
- Gives examples of why it is necessary for communities to have rules and laws
- Uses cardinal directions, map scales, legend and titles to locate continents, countries, states, towns, landforms, and bodies of water on contemporary maps of the world, New England, and Massachusetts
- On a map, locates Lexington's geographic features, historical landmarks, and explains their significance
- Identifies the Wampanoag people and describes their way of life in the mid-1600s
- Identifies who the Pilgrims were and describes their early years at Plimoth Colony
- Compares and contrasts life in 18th Century Lexington to present day
- Researches and describes the life achievements of a notable Massachusetts person

Grade 4

North American People and Geography

In fourth grade, students study the geography and people of the United States today. Students learn geography by addressing standards that emphasize political and physical geography and the embedded five major concepts: location, place, and human interaction with the environment, movement, and regions. In addition, they learn about the geography and people of Mexico and Canada.

- Understands that people and communities create structures, rules, and ideas to solve problems
- Gives examples of the major rights that immigrants have acquired as citizens of the United States (e.g. the right to vote, and freedom of religion, speech, assembly, and petition)
- Uses maps to interpret information
- Compares and contrasts various types of maps
- Understands and describes the factors that influence immigration (e.g. political, economic, and religious freedoms)
- Compares and contrasts the climates, physical features, natural resources, human populations, and products of the five regions of the United States
- Identifies the states, capitals, and major cities in each region
- Identifies and describes national landmarks (e.g. Statue of Liberty, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial)
- Describes the physical features, climates, history, and people of Canada
- Describes the physical features, climates, history, and people of Mexico

Grade 5

Early American History and the Development of the United States

Students study the Aztec and Mayan civilizations in the New World; the 15th and 16th century European explorations around the world, in the western hemisphere, and in North America in particular; the earliest settlements in North America; and the political, economic, and social development of the English colonies in the 17th and 18th centuries. Students also study the early development of democratic institutions and ideas, including the ideas and events that led to the independence of the original thirteen colonies and the formation of a national government under the U.S. Constitution. The purpose of the fifth grade curriculum is to give students their first concentrated study of the formative years of U.S. history.

- Explains the three branches of government
- Explains the Bill of Rights and its importance within the United States Constitution
- Describes the responsibilities of government at the federal, state, and local levels
- Interprets and uses maps, charts, and tables to understand historic events
- Understands and uses latitude and longitude to identify locations on maps and globes
- Explains the achievements of the Aztec and Mayan civilizations and their relationship with the European settlers
- Explains the significance of European exploration
- Identifies some of the major leaders and groups responsible for the founding of the original colonies in North America (e.g. William Penn, John Winthrop, John Smith)
- Identifies the first 13 colonies and describes how regional differences shaped their economies
- Describes the development of colonial governments and describes how these developments contributed to the American Revolution
- Describes slavery in colonial North America
- Describes the major events of the American Revolution and explains the factors leading to American victory
- Describes the lives and achievements of important leaders during the American Revolution and the early years of the United States (e.g. John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, King George III)

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K-5 Physical Education/Wellness Benchmarks

Kindergarten

- Develops body, spatial and temporal awareness, learning about general and personal space
- Demonstrates common body positions
- Learns the concepts of directionality and laterality
- Moves to various rhythms
- Learns climbing, supporting and balancing skills on various apparatus
- Develops locomotor, manipulative, and non-locomotor skills
- Properly demonstrates walking, running, jogging, sliding and jumping
- Learns the locomotor skills of skipping, hopping, leaping, galloping, kicking, throwing, catching, and striking
- Combines locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in movement, dance, games and sports
- Learns exercises that increase the following health-related components of physical fitness: muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility
- Properly follows directions by applying listening and safety awareness skills
- Locates the major body parts such as the heart, lungs, and skeleton
- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrates respect for classmates and their teachers
- Demonstrates cooperative skills to solve movement related problems

Grade 1

- Develops body, spatial and temporal awareness, particularly as they relate to personal and group space, sharing space, and the use of this space for various forms of movement
- Develops locomotor, manipulative, and non-locomotor skills, particularly as they relate to hopping, jumping, galloping, skipping, leaping, turning, kicking, throwing, catching, and striking
- Reviews non-locomotor skills
- Demonstrates the skills of swinging, pushing, and pulling
- Combines locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills in various forms
- Learns the benefits of regular physical activity
- Learns exercises that will increase personal cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility
- Develops listening skills
- Learns safety awareness, rules for activities and how to apply them
- Identifies the major parts of the body and the major systems of the body
- Understands, appreciates and applies rules, regulations, strategies, and appropriate etiquette for movement, dance, games, and sport
- Creates a sequence of locomotor movements
- Compares movements in terms of level and tempo
- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Solves movement-related problems, accepts responsibility, and explores physical limits
- Demonstrates acceptance of individual differences by cooperating with classmates
- Demonstrates cooperative skill

Illness Prevention

Relates staying clean to staying healthy

Practices hand washing techniques and covering mouth and nose when sneezing

Understands what germs are and where they live

The Human Body: How I Breathe

- Describes the functions of the lungs
- Values clean lungs and recognizes how pollution, smoking etc. can harm them
- Practices behaviors to protect the lungs

Nutrition

- Recognizes familiar nutritious foods
- Differentiates between “growing foods” and “extra foods”
- Identifies the five food groups

Safety

- Identifies safety rules for selected outdoor activities
- Values traffic safety rules and practices them
- Practices getting help in an emergency

Grade 2

- Develops body, spatial and temporal awareness, particularly as they relate to directionality, laterality, rhythms, rotational skills and balancing
- Develops locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills, particularly as they apply to kicking, throwing and striking with either hand or foot
- Combines locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in movement, dance, games and sports
- Understands the benefits of regular physical activity
- Learns how to enhance personal fitness, particularly the health-related components of physical fitness, through various exercises and activities
- Learns general class safety rules
- Learns safety rules and directions for a variety of activities, particularly regarding the use of their personal space while utilizing an implement
- Understands the general function and structure of the body, particularly the major parts and systems
- Identifies the purpose of rules for an activity and follows the rules
- Demonstrates proper etiquette and regard for others
- Creates a sequence of movements utilizing locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills and describes the shape and flow of the movements
- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills
- Accepts responsibility and constructive criticism
- Demonstrates cooperative skills

Grade 3

- Develops body, spatial and temporal awareness, particularly as it applies to distinguishing different rhythms, rotational skills, and inverted skills
- Demonstrates climbing, supporting, and balancing skills on various apparatus
- Learns activities that involve crossing the mid-line of the body
- Develops locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills, particularly as they apply to varying force and effort as well as center of gravity
- Learns more advanced ball skills with the feet such as trapping, dribbling, and kicking with different parts of the foot
- Practices combining locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in movement, dance, games and lead-up sports activities
- Demonstrates knowledge of health-related components of physical fitness
- Explains ways to a healthy lifestyle
- Learns safety rules for physical education
- Applies rules, regulations, strategies, and appropriate etiquette for movement, dance, games, and sports including the concept of sportsmanship
- Develops an appreciation for the aesthetic and creative qualities of movement, particularly as they apply to level, tempo, shape, and flow

- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills including leadership skills
- Participates in cooperative problem solving activities
- Learns how to give constructive criticism and to encourage and support classmates

Grade 4

- Develops body, spatial, and temporal awareness, particularly as it applies to locating objects in space from a personal frame of reference and moving to various rhythms
- Creates a routine to music
- Demonstrates rotational skills, and inverted skills
- Develops locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills particularly as they apply to efficient running technique as well as skipping, hopping, sliding, galloping and running along varying pathways, directions and levels
- Develops combination skills such as throwing and catching, catching and kicking, dribbling and passing
- Develops skills at combining locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in movement, dance, games, and sports, especially lead-up sports activities
- Develops understanding of the health-related components of physical fitness, demonstrates each, and explains how they enhance personal fitness
- Develops listening skills and safety awareness
- Moves efficiently to a sequence of auditory cues
- Develops an understanding and appreciation for rules, regulations, strategies, and appropriate etiquette for movement, dance, games and sports
- Develops an appreciation and understanding for ethnic backgrounds of certain activities, dances and games
- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills, particularly as they relate to taking on a leadership role in class as well as partnering role and working within a group for specific activities

Grade 5

- Develops body, spatial, and temporal awareness, particularly as they relate to various positions while in the air, moving to various rhythms, rotational and inverted skills
- Develops locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills, particularly as they relate to developing mechanically efficient patterns of throwing, catching, striking (with and without an implement), and kicking
- Learns how to combine locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in movement, dance, games, and sport, particularly modified forms of various sports
- Develops understanding of the benefits of regular physical activity
- Knows how to incorporate the health-related components of physical fitness to maximize these benefits learns how to responsibly work with various pieces of physical education equipment and understands the safety issues for each
- Understands general function and structure of the body including concepts of the effective use of levers
- Understands, appreciates and applies rules, regulations, strategies and appropriate etiquette for movement, dance, games and sports including basic rules and methods of officiating sports activities
- Develops an appreciation for the aesthetic and creative qualities of movement, both in an individual and group activity
- Develops self-confidence and interpersonal skills, particularly as they relate to group cooperative problem-solving activities

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K-5 Performing Arts Benchmarks

K-5 Performing Arts Achievement Standards

Performing, creating, and responding to music are the fundamental music processes in which humans engage. Students, particularly in grades K-5, learn by doing. Singing, playing instruments, moving to music, and creating music enable them to acquire musical skills and knowledge that can be developed in no other way. Learning to read and notate music gives them a skill with which to explore music independently and with others. Listening to, analyzing, and evaluating music are important building blocks of musical learning. Further, to participate fully in a diverse, global society, students must understand their own historical and cultural heritage and those of others within their communities and beyond. Because music is a basic expression of human culture, every student should have access to a balanced, comprehensive, and sequential program of study in music.

This document describes the cumulative skills and knowledge expected of all students from Kindergarten through the end of grade 5. Students will engage in developmentally appropriate learning experiences designed to prepare them to progress through the standards. Determining the specific instructional activities necessary to achieve the standards is the responsibility of individual teachers.

Kindergarten

Grade K students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Demonstrate the difference between speaking and singing voice
 - b. Demonstrate the difference between high and low vocal production
 - c. Sing independently and in groups
 - d. Sing, from memory, a varied repertoire of songs
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Play instruments with a steady beat
 - b. Demonstrate contrasts on instruments (high and low, loud and quiet, fast and slow)
 - c. Demonstrate basic instrumental technique
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*

N/A at this level
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*

N/A at this level
5. *Reading and notating music*

N/A at this level
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*

N/A at this level
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*

N/A at this level
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*
 - a. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences
 - b. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

Grade 1

Grade 1 students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Echo simple melodic phrases
 - b. Demonstrate control over loud and quiet vocal production
 - c. Respond to conductor cues
 - d. Sing, from memory, a varied repertoire of songs.
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Play instruments with a steady beat
 - b. Echo and perform basic rhythmic patterns
 - c. Demonstrate contrasts on instruments (high and low, loud and quiet, fast and slow, up and down)
 - d. Demonstrate basic instrumental technique
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*

N/A at this level
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*

N/A at this level
5. *Reading and notating music*
 - a. Read quarter notes and quarter rests
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
 - b. Demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions about, or by describing aural examples of music
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*

N/A at this level
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*
 - a. Identify ways in which principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school relate to those of music
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*
 - a. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences
 - b. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

Grade 2

Grade 2 students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Sing simple songs independently while maintaining a steady tempo
 - b. Echo simple solfege phrases
 - c. Respond to conductor cues
 - d. Sing, from memory, a varied repertoire of songs
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Play instruments with a steady beat
 - b. Echo and perform basic rhythmic patterns
 - c. Demonstrate basic instrumental technique
 - d. Play collaboratively as part of an ensemble
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*
 - a. Improvise "answers" to given rhythmic "questions"
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*
 - a. Create and arrange music to accompany readings or dramatizations
 - b. Use a variety of sound sources when composing
5. *Reading and notating music*
 - a. Read quarter, eighth, and half notes and rests
 - b. Read simple pitches using a notation system
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
 - b. Demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions about, or by describing aural examples of music
 - c. Identify simple music forms when presented aurally
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*
 - a. Devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*
 - a. Identify ways in which principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school relate to those of music
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*
 - a. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences
 - b. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

Grade 3

Grade 3 students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Sing songs with independent parts (ostinati, rounds, and partner songs)
 - b. Sing expressively with appropriate dynamics and articulation
 - c. Respond to conductor cues
 - d. Sing, from memory, a varied repertoire of songs
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Play recorder and other instruments on pitch, in rhythm, with appropriate dynamics and timbre, and maintain a steady tempo
 - b. Perform easy rhythmic and melodic patterns accurately and independently on pitched and unpitched classroom instruments
 - c. Perform expressively a varied repertoire of music
 - d. Echo short rhythms and melodic patterns
 - e. Perform in groups, blending instrumental timbres, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of a conductor
 - f. Perform independent instrumental parts while other students sing or play contrasting parts
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*
 - a. Improvise "answers" in the same style to given rhythmic and melodic "questions"
 - b. Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic variations on familiar materials
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*
 - a. Create and arrange short songs or instrumental pieces within specified guidelines⁴
 - b. Use a variety of sound sources when composing (emphasizing recorder)
5. *Reading and notating music*
 - a. Read whole, half, dotted half, quarter, and eighth notes and rests
 - b. Read simple pitches in the treble clef using a notation system
 - c. Identify symbols and traditional terms referring to articulation
 - d. Use standard symbols to notate rhythm and pitch
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
 - b. Demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions about, or by describing aural examples of music
 - c. Identify simple music forms when presented aurally
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*
 - a. Devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions
 - b. Explain their personal preferences for specific musical works and styles
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*
 - a. Identify ways in which principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school relate to those of music
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*
 - a. Identify by genre or style aural examples of music from various historical periods or cultures
 - b. Describe in simple terms how elements of music are used in music examples from various cultures of the world
 - c. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences and describe characteristics that make certain music suitable for each use
 - d. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

Grade 4

Grade 4 students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Sing songs with independent parts (ostinati, rounds, and partner songs).
 - b. Sing expressively with appropriate dynamics, articulation, posture, and diction
 - c. Respond to conductor cues
 - d. Sing, from memory, a varied repertoire of songs, representing diverse genres and cultures
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Play instruments on pitch, in rhythm, with appropriate dynamics and timbre, and maintain a steady tempo
 - b. Perform easy rhythmic and melodic patterns accurately and independently on pitched and unpitched classroom instruments
 - c. Perform expressively a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres and cultures
 - d. Echo rhythms and melodic patterns
 - e. Perform in groups, blending instrumental timbres, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of a conductor
 - f. Perform independent instrumental parts while other students sing or play contrasting parts
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*
 - a. Improvise "answers" in the same style to given rhythmic and melodic "questions"
 - b. Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic variations on familiar materials
 - c. Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic ostinato accompaniments
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*
 - a. Create and arrange short songs or instrumental pieces within specified guidelines
 - b. Use a variety of sound sources when composing
5. *Reading and notating music*
 - a. Read whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, and eighth notes and rests
 - b. Read simple pitches in the treble clef using a notation system
 - c. Identify symbols and traditional terms referring to articulation, dynamics, and meter
 - d. Use standard symbols to notate rhythm and pitch
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
 - b. Demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions about, or by describing aural examples of music
 - c. Identify simple music forms when presented aurally
 - d. Identify the sounds of a variety of instruments
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*
 - a. Devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions
 - b. Explain their personal preferences for specific musical works and styles, using basic appropriate music terminology
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*
 - a. Identify ways in which principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school relate to those of music
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*
 - a. Identify by genre or style aural examples of music from various historical periods or cultures
 - b. Describe in simple terms how elements of music are used in music examples from various cultures of the world
 - c. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences and describe characteristics that make certain music suitable for each use
 - d. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

Grade 5

Grade 5 students will engage in:

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Sing accurately and with good timbre, diction, posture, and breath control throughout their singing ranges, alone and in small and large ensembles
 - b. Sing with expression and technical accuracy a repertoire of vocal literature, including some songs performed from memory.
 - c. Sing from memory music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the work being performed.
 - d. Sing music written in two and three parts, which can include ostinati, partner songs, and rounds.
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music*
 - a. Perform on pitch, in rhythm, with appropriate dynamics and timbre, and maintain a steady tempo
 - b. Perform easy rhythmic, melodic, and chordal patterns accurately and independently on pitched and unpitched classroom instruments
 - c. Perform expressively a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres and styles
 - d. Echo rhythms and melodic patterns
 - e. Perform in groups, blending instrumental timbres, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of a conductor
 - f. Perform independent instrumental parts while other students sing or play contrasting parts
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments*
 - a. Improvise "answers" in the same style to given rhythmic and melodic "questions"
 - b. Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic ostinato accompaniments
 - c. Improvise simple rhythmic variations on familiar materials
 - d. Improvise short pieces, using a variety of sound sources, including traditional sounds, nontraditional sounds available in the classroom, body sounds, or sounds produced by electronic means
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines*
 - a. Create and arrange music to accompany readings or dramatizations
 - b. Create and arrange short songs or instrumental pieces within specified guidelines
 - c. Use a variety of sound sources when composing
5. *Reading and notating music*
 - a. Read whole, half, dotted half, quarter, dotted quarter, and eighth notes and rests
 - b. Read simple pitches in the treble clef using a notation system
 - c. Identify symbols and traditional terms referring to dynamics, tempo, meter, and articulation and interpret them correctly when performing
 - d. Use standard symbols to notate rhythm and pitch in simple patterns presented by the teacher.
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music*
 - a. Identify simple music forms when presented aurally
 - b. Demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions about, and by describing aural examples of music of various styles representing diverse cultures
 - c. Use appropriate terminology in explaining music, music notation, music instruments and voices, and music performances
 - d. Identify the sounds of a variety of instruments
 - e. Respond through purposeful movement to selected musical characteristics or to specific music events while listening to music
7. *Evaluating music and music performances*
 - a. Devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions
 - b. Explain, using appropriate music terminology, their personal preferences for specific musical works and styles
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts*
 - a. Identify ways in which principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school relate to those of music

9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture*

- a. Identify by genre or style aural examples of music from various historical periods or cultures
- b. Describe in simple terms how elements of music are used in music examples from various cultures of the world
- c. Identify various uses of music in their daily experiences and describe characteristics that make certain music suitable for each use
- d. Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior

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K-5 Fine Arts **Curriculum Overview**

Kindergarten and Grade 1

1. Elements and principles of art

Line

- Student will identify and create a variety of line types.
- Student will use lines to create shapes, patterns and textures.
- Students will use line to create movement.

Shape and Form

- Students will recognize and create basic geometric shapes.

Color

- Students will recognize primary colors and mix them to make secondary colors.
- Students will understand the expressive quality of color.

Texture

- Students will identify and create textures such as rough, smooth, bumpy, etc.

Pattern

- Students will identify and create patterns using line and shape.

2. Media and techniques

Drawing

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.
- Students will draw from observation and imagination.

Painting

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.
- Students will learn color mixing.
- Students will learn about the handling and care of painting tools and materials.

Printmaking

- Students will learn how to make texture rubbings.
- Students will create prints using objects.

Collage

- Students will create collages by using such techniques such as cutting, tearing, curling, folding, weaving and gluing.

Sculpture

- Students will learn basic sculpting techniques such as hand forming and carving.

3. Observation, abstraction, invention and expression

- Students will create artwork from direct observation.
- Students will create expressive artwork that explores abstraction.
- Students will create artwork from memory or imagination to tell a story or embody an idea or fantasy.

4. Assessment strategies

See report card

- Student work will be displayed regularly
- One on one assessment during class period

Grades 2-3

1. Elements and principles of art

Line

- Students will identify and create a variety of line types.
- Students will use lines to create shapes, patterns and textures.
- Students will use line to create movement.
- Students will demonstrate a variety of lines through the use of observation and imagination.

Shape and Form

- Students will recognize and create basic geometric shapes.
- Students will understand positive and negative shapes (space).
- Students will know the meaning of symmetrical and asymmetrical.
- Students will understand the concept of overlapping shapes to create depth.
- Students will be introduced to free-form (organic) as well as geometric shapes.

Color

- Students will recognize primary colors and mix them to make secondary colors.
- Students will understand the expressive quality of color.
- Students will identify cool and warm colors.
- Students will make colors lighter or darker through the use of black and white paint.

Texture

- Students will identify and create textures such as rough, smooth, bumpy, etc.

Pattern

- Students will identify and create patterns using line and shape.
- Students will identify and create symmetrical patterns.

Composition

- Students will be introduced to the idea of composition using space, balance and emphasis.

2. Media and techniques

Drawing

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.
- Students will draw from observation and imagination.

Painting

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.
- Students will learn color mixing.
- Students will learn about the handling and care of painting tools and materials.
- Students will explore opaque and transparent qualities of paint.

Printmaking

- Students will learn how to make texture rubbings.
- Students will create prints using objects.
- Students will create relief prints.

Collage

- Students will create collages by using such techniques such as cutting, tearing, curling, folding, weaving and gluing.

Sculpture

- Students will learn basic sculpting techniques such as hand forming, carving and attaching.

Fiber

- Students will explore fiber arts such as weaving.

3. Observation, abstraction, invention and expression

- Students will create artwork from direct observation.
- Students will create expressive artwork that explores abstraction.
- Students will create artwork from memory or imagination to tell a story or embody an idea or fantasy.

4. Assessment strategies

See report card

- Student work will be displayed regularly
- One on one assessment during class period
- Short group critiques with student participation

Grades 4-5

1. Elements and principles of art

Line

- Students will identify and create a variety of line types.
- Students will use lines to create shapes, patterns and textures.
- Students will use line to create movement.
- Students will demonstrate a variety of lines through the use of observation and imagination.
- Students will understand contour and gesture drawing.
- Students will be introduced to the use of line in perspective drawing.

Shape and Form

- Students will recognize and create basic geometric shapes.
- Students will understand positive and negative shapes (space).
- Students will know the meaning of symmetrical and asymmetrical.
- Students will understand the concept of overlapping shapes to create depth.
- Students will be introduced to free-form (organic) as well as geometric shapes.
- Students will be introduced to the concept of proportion and scale.
- Students will have a clear understanding of the difference between a shape and a form.
- Students will create the illusion of space through a variety of techniques.

Color

- Students will recognize primary colors and mix them to make secondary colors.
- Students will understand the expressive quality of color.
- Students will identify cool and warm colors.
- Students will make colors lighter or darker through the use of black and white paint.
- Students will identify and mix intermediate colors.
- Students will be introduced to complimentary and analogous colors.
- Students will use value to create contrast.

Texture

- Students will identify and create textures such as rough, smooth, bumpy, etc.
- Students will use texture to create visual interest.

Pattern

- Students will identify and create patterns using line and shape.
- Students will identify and create symmetrical patterns.
- Students will use pattern to create visual interest.

Composition

- Students will apply their knowledge of composition using space, balance and emphasis.

2. Media and techniques

Drawing

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.

Painting

- Students will explore mark making and line quality.
- Students will learn color mixing.
- Students will learn about the handling and care of painting tools and materials.

Printmaking

- Students will learn how to make texture rubbings.
- Students will create prints using objects.

Collage

- Students will create collages by using such techniques such as cutting, tearing, curling, folding, weaving and gluing.

Sculpture

- Students will learn basic sculpting techniques such as hand forming, carving, attaching and slab.

Fiber

- Students will create fiber arts such as weaving.

3. Observation, abstraction, invention and expression

- Students will create representational artwork from direct observation.
- Students will create expressive artwork that explores abstraction.
- Students will create artwork from memory or imagination to tell a story or embody an idea or fantasy.
- Students will create symbolic artwork by substituting symbols for objects, relationships or ideas.

4. Assessment strategies

See report card

- Student work will be displayed regularly
- One on one assessment during class period
- Short group critiques with student participation
- Beginning of portfolio assessment (periodic review of accumulated work)

K-5 Art History connections

Students will demonstrate their understanding of the concepts of style, stylistic influence, and stylistic change by identifying when and where artworks were created and by analyzing characteristic features of artworks from various historical periods, cultures, and genres.

Art movements that may be referenced:

- Ancient civilizations
- Renaissance
- Impressionism
- Expressionism
- Contemporary

Artists that may be referenced:

- Vincent van Gogh
- Pablo Picasso
- Claude Monet
- Henri Matisse
- Alexander Calder
- Frida Kahlo
- Faith Ringgold
- Eric Carle
- Andy Warhol
- Georgia O'Keefe
- Piet Mondrian
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Rembrandt van Rijn

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K-5 Library and Information Technology

These Standards, Objectives and Benchmarks are adapted from standards developed by the following groups: the American Association of School Librarians' Standards for the 21st Century Learner ; the Iowa City Community Schools Library Programs and Kansas Library Media Standards; the I-Sail Illinois Standards - Aligned Instruction for Libraries – 2011; and the Lexington Public Schools Library Benchmarks, 2012 edition.

Kindergarten - Grade 1

Standard 1: Access information efficiently and effectively to inquire, think critically, and gain knowledge

- Recognize the need for information
- Formulate questions based on information needs
- Identify various potential sources of information
- Develop and use successful strategies for locating information
- Seek information from diverse sources

Benchmark:

- A. Locate parts of a book
- B. Understand basic organizational pattern of library

Objectives:

1. Identify title, author, illustrator, cover, and spine
2. Begin to understand grouping of materials in library
3. Ask a question about finding a book independently
4. Identify the difference between fiction and nonfiction

Standard 2: Evaluate information critically and competently

- Determine accuracy, relevance, and comprehensiveness of information
- Distinguish among fact, point of view, and opinion
- Identify inaccurate and misleading information
- Select information appropriate to the problem or question

Benchmark:

Not assessed at the K-1 level

Objectives:

Not applicable

Standard 3: Use information accurately, creatively and ethically to share knowledge and to participate collaboratively and productively as a member of a democratic society

- Organize information for practical application
- Integrate new information into own knowledge
- Applies information to critical thinking and problem solving
- Practice ethical behavior when using resources in all formats
- Produce and communicate information and ideas in appropriate formats
- Participate appropriately and productively in collaborative activities

Benchmark:

- A. Demonstrate appropriate group conduct

Objectives:

1. Listen and contribute appropriately during group activities
2. Cooperate with other students to solve information problems
3. Respect different points of view and opinions

Standard 4: Appreciate literature and pursue information related to personal interests

- Cultivate a love of reading and become a self-motivated reader
- Develop knowledge of genres and literary elements
- Derive meaning from information presented creatively in a variety of formats

Benchmark:

- A. Use both auditory and visual clues to understand literature
- B. Select an appropriate book of interest for personal enjoyment
- C. Begin to identify different types and elements of literature
- D. Ask for assistance when seeking information

Objectives

1. Select a "Just Right" book independently for personal reading
2. Listen to traditional folklore (nursery rhymes, fairy tales, myths and legends)
3. Listen to or read various types of fiction and nonfiction
4. Identify literary elements such as character and setting
5. Practice literature response through basic discussion and other participatory activities
6. Engage with the work of various authors and illustrators
7. Begin to develop awareness of award-winning literature
8. Begin to recognize text in various formats
9. Appreciate reading for pleasure, for learning, and for finding answers
10. Use library resources and interact with library staff appropriately

Standard 5: Understand and practice using the Internet safely and wisely for educational, social, or recreational purposes

- Understand the need for protecting personal privacy when using public access to digital sources
- Protect personal information and electronic devices in an online environment
- Practice strategies that promote personal safety and protect online and offline reputation
- Recognize that networked environments are public places governed by codes of ethical behavior
- Practice positive digital citizenship
- Distinguish website authority, validity, and purpose

Benchmark:

- A. Use electronic devices safely and appropriately with teacher supervision

Objectives

1. Use the Internet to visit pre-selected sites with teacher guidance
2. Operate and maintain equipment as directed (power on/off, clean hands, gentle use)

Grades 2-3

Standard 1: Access information efficiently and effectively to inquire, think critically, and gain knowledge

- Recognize the need for information
- Formulate questions based on information needs
- Identify various potential sources of information
- Develop and use successful strategies for locating information
- Seek information from diverse sources

Benchmark:

- A. Begin to access information from a variety of sources
- B. Understand the concepts of title, author, and keyword in locating library materials with teacher guidance.

Objectives:

1. Define difference between fiction and nonfiction
2. Recognize call number and begin to understand grouping of materials by call number
3. Begin to use reference materials in all formats recognizing unique features of each
4. Begin to use features, of nonfiction texts such as table of contents, index, captions and diagrams
5. Identify keywords and/or search terms with teacher guidance
6. Locate materials on library shelves by call number with teacher guidance

Standard 2: Evaluate information critically and competently

- Determine accuracy, relevance, and comprehensiveness of information
- Distinguish among fact, point of view, and opinion
- Identify inaccurate and misleading information
- Select information appropriate to the problem or question

Benchmark:

- A. Differentiate between fact and fiction
- B. Identify appropriate sources of information

Objectives:

1. Begin to select the most appropriate source to fulfill the information need
2. Use paraphrasing in note taking
3. Learn to compare content and ideas in different resources
4. Learn to choose what facts and details to include in note taking
5. Use nonfiction text features to identify important information and understand content
6. Learn common organizational patterns to make sense of information

Standard 3: Use information accurately, creatively and ethically to share knowledge and to participate collaboratively and productively as a member of a democratic society

- Organize information for practical application
- Integrate new information into own knowledge
- Applies information to critical thinking and problem solving
- Practice ethical behavior when using resources in all formats
- Produce and communicate information and ideas in appropriate formats
- Participate appropriately and productively in collaborative activities

Benchmark:

- A. Organize and communicate results of information search in format appropriate for content
- B. Recognize ownership of sources of information
- C. Observe Internet guidelines and protocols as defined in the district's policies.
- D. Explain and exhibit appropriate group conduct

Objectives:

1. Begin to differentiate between note taking and plagiarism
2. Use basic graphic organizers to record information with support
3. Share and evaluate the results of the information search
4. Recognize the need for citing sources and record simple citations
5. Use pre-selected digital sources for information needs
6. Listen and contribute appropriately during group activities
7. Collaborate with other students to accomplish a task
8. Respond respectfully to the points of view and ideas of others and acknowledge their contributions

Standard 4: Appreciate literature and pursue information related to personal interests

- Cultivate a love of reading and become a self-motivated reader
- Develop knowledge of genres and literary elements
- Derive meaning from information presented creatively in a variety of formats

Benchmark:

- A. Select materials based on interest, need, and appropriateness with teacher guidance
- B. Use both text and visuals to understand literature and information
- C. Recognize different genres and elements of literature

Objectives:

1. Select a "Just Right" book independently for personal reading
2. Read or listen to traditional folklore
3. Read or listen to various genres of fiction (realistic fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction)
4. Read or listen to various genres of nonfiction (biography, information books, poetry)
5. Read or listen to literature from various cultures
6. Identify literary elements such as plot and point of view
7. Participate in guided discussions about literature to share opinions and responses
8. Read for pleasure and explore topics of personal interest
9. Use library resources and interact with library staff appropriately

Standard 5: Understand and practice using the Internet safely and wisely for educational, social, or recreational purposes

- Understand the need for protecting personal privacy when using public access to digital sources
- Protect personal information and electronic devices in an online environment
- Practice strategies that promote personal safety and protect online and offline reputation
- Recognize that networked environments are public places governed by codes of ethical behavior
- Practice positive digital citizenship
- Distinguish website authority, validity, and purpose

Benchmark:

- A. Use electronic devices safely and appropriately with teacher supervision
- B. Behave responsibly and respectfully in a networked environment
- C. Understand personal and private information
- D. Recognize that websites have different purposes

Objectives:

1. Use equipment appropriately
2. Use the Internet to locate information safely
3. Determine authenticity and relevance of websites (authority, currency, purpose, bias, etc.)
4. Report uncomfortable or inappropriate online situations to a trusted adult
5. Recognize intended purpose of website

Grades 4-5

Standard 1: Access information efficiently and effectively to inquire, think critically, and gain knowledge

- Recognize the need for information
- Formulate questions based on information needs
- Identify various potential sources of information
- Develop and use successful strategies for locating information
- Seek information from diverse sources

Benchmark:

- A. Demonstrate skill in using the electronic catalog
- B. Locate materials on library shelves by call number
- C. Use sources in all formats to access, extract, and process information

Objectives:

1. Search the library catalog by subject, author, title independently
2. Locate materials on library shelves by call number independently
3. Identify an information need and formulate a question
4. Generate a list of possible resources and determine which are useful
5. Use reference materials in a variety of formats with teacher guidance
6. Use keywords and search terms to locate information independently
7. Begin to use primary and secondary sources of information with teacher guidance

Standard 2: Evaluate information critically and competently

- Determine accuracy, relevance, and comprehensiveness of information
- Distinguish among fact, point of view, and opinion
- Identify inaccurate and misleading information
- Select information appropriate to the problem or question

Benchmark:

- A. Select materials relevant to a question or topic
- B. Identify the most appropriate information within a source with teacher guidance

Objectives:

1. Begin to determine authenticity and relevance of information found in all formats
2. Use paraphrasing, note taking, and other strategies to record results of information searching
3. Identify and extract relevant information in various formats
4. Select appropriate resources from a list of "hits" obtained in an electronic catalog or database search
5. Recognize similarities and differences in more than one source.

Standard 3: Use information accurately, creatively and ethically to share knowledge and to participate collaboratively and productively as a member of a democratic society

- Organize information for practical application
- Integrate new information into own knowledge
- Applies information to critical thinking and problem solving
- Practice ethical behavior when using resources in all formats
- Produce and communicate information and ideas in appropriate formats
- Participate appropriately and productively in collaborative activities

Benchmark:

- A. Organize and communicate results of information search in format appropriate for content
- B. Recognize ownership of sources of information
- C. Observe Internet guidelines and protocols as defined in the district's policies.
- D. Explain and exhibit appropriate group conduct

Objectives:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between note taking and plagiarism
2. Organize information using a variety of techniques
3. Recognize the need for citing sources and create works cited list
4. Discuss information and ideas with others and adapt own ideas when appropriate
5. Collaborate with other students to solve information problems
6. Encourage consideration of points of view and ideas and information from all group members

Standard 4: Appreciate literature and pursue information related to personal interests

- Cultivate a love of reading and become a self-motivated reader
- Develop knowledge of genres and literary elements
- Derive meaning from information presented creatively in a variety of formats

Benchmark:

- A. Select materials based on interest, need, and appropriateness
- B. Describe different genres and elements of literature

Objectives:

1. Independently select books appropriate to interest and reading level.
2. Read a variety of genres representative of both fiction and nonfiction
3. Listen to and read literature from different cultures
4. Describe various literary elements
5. Participate in guided discussions about literature and share opinions and responses
6. Read for pleasure, seek answers and explore topics of personal interest
7. Use library resources in all formats and interact with library staff appropriately

Standard 5: Understand and practice using the Internet safely and wisely for educational, social, or recreational purposes

- Understand the need for protecting personal privacy when using public access to digital sources
- Protect personal information and electronic devices in an online environment
- Practice strategies that promote personal safety and protect online and offline reputation
- Recognize that networked environments are public places governed by codes of ethical behavior
- Practice positive digital citizenship
- Distinguish website authority, validity, and purpose

Benchmark:

- A. Use electronic devices safely and appropriately
- B. Behave responsibly and respectfully in a networked environment
- C. Use personal and private information appropriately
- D. Identify website features and use them to evaluate validity and appropriateness

Objectives:

1. Use equipment appropriately
2. Use the Internet to locate information safely
3. Determine authenticity and relevance of websites (authority, currency, purpose, bias, etc)
4. Recognize inappropriate communication (cyber bullying, harassment, rumors, etc.)
5. Report uncomfortable or inappropriate online behavior to a trusted adult (parent, teacher, Principal)
6. Protect private information, apply stranger-danger knowledge and skills on the Internet
7. Recognize and avoid inappropriate content (advertising, malware, phishing, viruses, etc.)

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