

STANDARDS vs CURRICULUM



What's the Difference

Standards are what we want students to know, understand and be able to do; Standards represent goals.

The Curriculum is an intentional learning plan to ensure students achieve the goals of the standards; the Curriculum represents the learning experience.

Standards and Curriculum

A STANDARD is a GOAL.

EXAMPLE 1 • 3RD GRADE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Standard: M.3.8

Solve two-step word problems using the four operations, represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding.

EXAMPLE 2 • 6TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GOAL

Standard: ELA.6.18

By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity range proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

The CURRICULUM is a MEANS TO ACHIEVE the goal.

Curriculum:

Teachers utilize county-adopted and supplemental instructional resources to plan for and facilitate learning experiences to assess students' mastery of content standards.

Who is Responsible?

West Virginia Board of Education
West Virginia Department of Education

County boards of education, administrators
and teachers

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