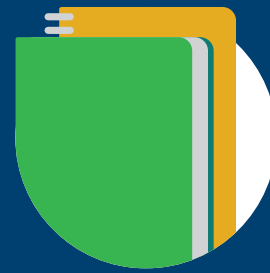


# STANDARDS vs CURRICULUM



## 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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