## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR THE WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AGENDA

Topic:	2025-2026 Academic Standards Adoption				
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Date:	July 14	, 2025		Agenda Reference #	10.1
Recommended Action:				Discussion/Action Presentation/Discussion Information Only Presentation/Action Next Meeti	ing

## Recommendation(s):

The Board of Education is asked to adopt the attached list of internationally benchmarked standards with which West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has aligned its curriculum for 2025-2026.

## **Purpose**:

Per Wisconsin Act 55 in 2015, school boards are required to include an agenda item annually, at their first meeting after July 1, to identify the academic standards adopted by the Board of Education that will be in effect for the school year. This change became effective July 14, 2015. Additionally, the district must notify parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district of the academic standards to be used for the upcoming school year.

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District curriculum is **what** we teach and instruction is **how** we teach it. The curriculum is written to provide a common framework that explicitly states what students are expected to know and be able to do in each course at each grade level. The standards within the curriculum serve as goals for teaching and learning, ensuring that all students have access to high-quality instruction. Using these standards as a guide, our District curriculum is written to provide teachers with units of instruction that include grade-level/course-specific standards, essential content, skills, and common assessments to measure student achievement within the curriculum. Professional educators are expected to enhance, extend, and be responsive to every student to help them reach proficiency.

A list of internationally benchmarked standards that the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has used to align its curriculum is attached. Upon approval, the attached list will become available on the District website to serve as a notification to parents/guardians. There are no changes or shifts in standards for this academic school year.

Attachments: 2025-2026 Academic Standards