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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 28, 2020  
**TO:** Manitowoc Public School District Board of Education  
**FROM:** Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Pam Lensmire and  
Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Jason Bull  
**RE: ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 requires identification of the academic standards adopted by the Manitowoc Public School District that will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year, Wis. Stat. 120.12 (13) (a) and 120.12 (13) (b). Our mission statement states:

*The Manitowoc Public School District commits to educate, engage and inspire all learners to thrive in a global community.*

Standards serve as goals for teaching and learning. Setting high standards enables students, parents, educators, and citizens to know what students should have learned at a given point in time. Clear statements about what students must know and be able to do are essential to ensure that our schools offer opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for success. The MPSD has adopted the following Academic Standards:

- o K-12 English Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking, and language) curricula are aligned to the Wisconsin Academic Standards (<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>)
- o K-12 Mathematics curricula are aligned to the Wisconsin Academic Standards (<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>)
- o Grades 6-12 Science curricula are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>
- o Grades K-5 Science curricula are aligned with the Wisconsin Academic Standards (<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>)
- o 4 year old Kindergarten curricula are aligned to the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (<https://dpi.wi.gov/early-childhood/practice>)
- o K-12 Social Studies curricula are aligned to the Wisconsin Academic Standards (<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>)
- o For all other subject areas, the MPSD has adopted the Wisconsin Academic Standards. (<http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>)

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has Guiding Principles for Teaching and Learning based on research and best practices. The seven principles provide a framework for the MPSD.

- Every student has the right to learn.
- Instruction must be rigorous and relevant.
- Purposeful assessment drives instruction and affects learning.
- Learning is a collaborative responsibility.
- Students bring strengths and experience to learning.
- Responsive environments engage learners.

The MPSD Academic Standards and additional resources are available on the Manitowoc Public School District's Elementary and Secondary Education site

[https://www.manitowocpublicschools.org/district/education\\_department](https://www.manitowocpublicschools.org/district/education_department)