Career, Standards and Assessment

Addressing the Prioritization of Standards

Fact Sheet

Guidance

The Kansas Department of Education reviews and approves standards, based on the input of educators and private citizens in Kansas. The Kansas State standards reflect what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. State assessments reflect and incorporate standards and as such, we do not recommend prioritizing standards at the exclusion of other standards.

High quality instruction includes reteaching standards that students have not mastered. A balanced assessment system should be utilized to drive instruction and inform when standards need additional support and considerations. Data may indicate that certain standards need to be elevated, or prioritized for a moment in time, to ensure mastery at the local level. This practice should not exclude the teaching of any standard, but instead should reinforce teaching the appropriate depth and rigor of all standards for all students.



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