**WHAT ARE LEARNING STANDARDS?**

Learning standards define what each student should know and be able to do at each grade level.

Why Are Learning Standards Important?

High-quality learning standards are rigorous and require students to think critically and creatively about content—rather than memorize it—so they are ready for careers, college, and life after high school.

They give families and teachers a common understanding—a roadmap—about what students should know and be able to do to prepare them for college and careers.

How Are Learning Standards Used?

“I don’t teach the same things in the same ways every year. My class is always changing and adapting. Learning standards allow me to continue to be innovative, to learn as a teacher, and to better myself.”

- NH middle school educator

Teachers use learning standards to design their plan for instruction and choose resources based on the needs of their students.

In NH, students are achieving and exceeding grade level standards through internships, online courses, and college classes.

They also serve as tools for families engaging in at-home-learning activities.

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