

Iowa Core Curriculum

The Iowa Core Curriculum, developed by representatives in business and education and signed into law by Governor Culver in 2008, is for all Iowa students in grades K-12. It is based on the premise that all students deserve an education that will help them succeed in today's technology rich, global economy. The Iowa Core was developed through a broad and in-depth review of national and international standards, research, and best practice. It contains skills and concepts in literacy, math, science, social studies, and 21st century learning skills (civic literacy, financial literacy, technology literacy, health literacy, and employability skills).

What the Iowa Core Curriculum is...

- A set of essential skills and concepts all Iowa students must know to succeed in today's competitive world.
- A collaborative effort designed by subject-specific teams of teachers, school administrators, curriculum directors, AEA staffers and business leaders.
- A support for Iowa's mandated core content standards in reading, math and science.

What The Iowa Core Curriculum is not...

- A program dictating how teachers must teach.
- An initiative to make all Iowa schools teach the same lesson plans on the same days, or use the same textbooks.
- A move to replace the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or Iowa Test of Educational Development, or to promote a costly new battery of tests.
- An effort to do away with the creative contributions of Iowa's talented teaching professionals.

A district team, including administrators and teachers, attend workshops throughout the school year to learn more about the Iowa Core. They bring the information back to the K-12 staff to help everyone learn what the Core will look like in the classrooms of Manson Northwest Webster.

Website Offers Parents a Look at the Iowa Core Curriculum

The purpose of the official Iowa Core Curriculum site is to help Iowa parents and all citizens learn more about the state-wide academic expectations for kindergarten through 12th-grade students. Expectations are searchable by content area and grade span.

www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov.