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Dear Families,

The Mequon-Thiensville School District is committed to maximizing the academic growth of all students through the implementation of rigorous academic standards. Academic standards are leveraged as a tool to determine the proper level of instructional rigor, evaluate organizational effectiveness, benchmark student and teacher output, and assist in the ongoing assessment of curricular resources.

Standards are viewed as the foundation for instructional expectations. It is the goal of the Mequon-Thiensville School District to ensure that every student experiences annual growth. It is through the use of instructional standards that we are able to gauge student academic growth.

In order to best equip our students to fulfill their post-secondary aspirations through exemplary performance on state assessments coordinated by the Department of Public Instruction and post-secondary access assessments like the ACT, the Mequon-Thiensville School District has implemented the following academic standards:

Subject Area	Standard
English Language Arts (PK-12)	Common Core State Standards
Mathematics (PK-12)	Common Core State Standards
Science (PK-12)	Wisconsin State Standards
Social Studies	Wisconsin State Standards
Art	Wisconsin State Standards
Music	Wisconsin State Standards
Physical Education and Health	Wisconsin State Standards
Computer Science	Wisconsin State Standards

The district has reviewed and determined that the above-mentioned standards are rigorous and appropriate for instruction. These standards are consistent and in alignment with the district's educational philosophy, organizational goals, and strategic plan.

In establishing academic standards for students in the Mequon-Thiensville School District, it is the expectation that:

- All instructional standards are taught with fidelity across the District
- Thoughtful review of student performance data is conducted to ensure that all students are fulfilling their academic potential
- Instruction is provided to best meet the needs of each student

A full review of the academic standards and curriculum used in the Mequon-Thiensville School District can be found at: <http://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/about/curriculum.cfm>

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