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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of developing, assessing and expanding academic standards to challenge students to achieve at their highest level possible. To this end, the school shall establish rigorous academic standards in accordance with, and may expand upon, those adopted by the State Board of Education.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Definition

Academic standards - shall be defined as what a student should know and be able to do at a specified grade level. For purposes of Joint Operating Committee policy, the term academic standards shall be deemed to encompass Pennsylvania Core Standards, state academic standards and local academic standards.[\[3\]](#)

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee, in conjunction with the sending schools, shall approve academic and career and technical standards for school students to attain, in the following content areas:[\[2\]](#)

1. English Language Arts.
2. Mathematics.

3. **Science and Technology** - to include reading in science and technology, and writing for science and technology.
4. **Environment and Ecology.**
5. **Social Studies** (history, geography, civics and government, economics) - to include reading in history and social studies, and writing for history and social studies.
6. **Arts and Humanities.**
7. **Career Education and Work.**
8. **Health, Safety and Physical Education.**
9. **Family and Consumer Science.**

Guidelines

The school's curriculum shall be designed to provide students with the planned instruction needed to attain established academic **and career and technical** standards. [\[2\]](#)^[4]^[5]

The school shall assess individual student attainment of established academic standards and provide assistance for students having difficulty attaining academic **and career and technical** standards. [\[2\]](#)^[6]^[7]

Students with disabilities may attain academic **and career and technical** standards by completion of their Individualized Education Programs in accordance with law, regulations and Joint Operating Committee policy. [\[2\]](#)^[8]