

Academic Standards: Living the "Good" Life

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Behavioral Studies

Level IV (Grades 9-12)

Standard 1: Understands that group and cultural influences contribute to human development, identity, and behavior.

Benchmark 1: Understands that cultural beliefs strongly influence the values and behavior of the people who grow up in the culture, often without their being fully aware of it, and that people have different responses to these influences.

Benchmark 6: Understands that heredity, culture, and personal experience interact in shaping human behavior, and that the relative importance of these influences is not clear in most circumstances

Standard 4: Understands conflict, cooperation, and interdependence among individuals, groups, and institutions.

Benchmark 9: Understands how changes in social and political institutions both reflect and affect individuals' career choices, values, and significant actions

Civics

Level IV (Grades 9-12)

Standard 27: Understands how certain character traits enhance citizens' ability to fulfill personal and civic responsibilities

Benchmark 6: Understands the importance of dispositions that lead citizens to become independent members of society such as self-discipline, self-governance, and individual responsibility

Benchmark 7: Understands the importance of dispositions that foster respect for individual worth and human dignity such as compassion and respect for the rights and choices of individuals

Historical Understanding

Level IV [Grade 9-12]

Standard 2: Understands the historical perspective

Benchmark 5: Understands that the consequences of human intentions are influenced by the means of carrying them out

Language Arts

Level IV [Grade 9-12]

Standard 9: Uses viewing skills and strategies to understand and interpret visual media

Benchmark 1: Uses a range of strategies to interpret visual media

Benchmark 2: Uses a variety of criteria relevant to evaluate informational media

Self-Regulation

Level IV [Grade K-12]

Standard 2: Performs self-appraisal

Benchmark 4: Identifies basic values, and distinguishes values from personal preferences, needs, and wants

Benchmark 5: Determines appropriate behaviors that are used and should be adopted to obtain wants and/or needs

Benchmark 14: Identifies desired future accomplishments and preferred lifestyle

Standard 4: Demonstrates perseverance

Benchmark 1: Demonstrates perseverance relative to personal goals

Thinking and Reasoning

Level IV (Grades 9-12)

Standard 6: Applies decision-making techniques

Benchmark 5: Evaluates major factors that influence personal decisions

Benchmark 6: Analyzes the impact of decisions on self and others and takes responsibility for consequences and outcomes of decisions

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