ABE Mini Topics: ABE Standards

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- What skills do you think they will need to have for career success?

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- Basic Academic Skills
- Digital Literacy Skills
- Professional/Soft Skills

What are content standards and why do we need them?

- Describe what students should know and be able to do upon successful completion of instructional program

- Provide the foundation for designing curricula and instruction

- Assist in assessing student progress toward goals and making instructional adjustments

MN ABE Content Standards: What do they need for successful transitions?

Skills	Standards
Basic Literacy and Numeracy	College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS)
Transitions Professional/Soft Skills	ACES/TIF
Digital Literacy/Technology	Northstar

Where did these come from?

- **CCRS**
  - Released in 2013 by OCTAE
  - Based on Common Core State Standards
- **ACES Transitions Integration Framework**
  - Developed 2011-2013 by MN practitioners and developers
- **Northstar Digital Literacy Standards**
  - Developed in 2010 by St. Paul Consortium and Public Library with community input

What is the law?

- Federal Workforce Innovation Act of 2014 requires state ABE standards to align to state K12 standards

- MN state statute states that ABE programs need to comply with federal accountability requirements

- Does not require a single curriculum nor how programs implement

- Standardized tests required to align (and now do)

College and Career Readiness Standards

- English Language Arts
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Speaking and Listening
  - Language
- Mathematics

CCRS

- Each standards area organized into multiple levels

- Key Instructional Shifts:
  - Practicing with greater **Complexity**
  - Using **Evidence** in answers and analysis
  - Building **Knowledge** with nonfiction

Mathematics

- Each section has
  - Practices (habits of mind – how to engage in math)
  - Domains (areas such as algebra, geometry, etc.)
  - Standards (5 levels each with 4-5 domains)
- Key Instructional Shifts:
  - **Focus:** narrow content scope to go deeper
  - **Coherence:** design learning around coherent progressions
  - **Rigor:** Develop:
    - Conceptual understanding
    - Procedural skill and fluency
    - Real life application
    - All with equal intensity

Northstar Digital Literacy Standards

- 10 online self-guided modules:
  - Basic computer skills
  - World Wide Web
  - Windows
  - Mac
  - Information Literacy
  - Email
  - Word
  - Social Media
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
- Earn Northstar Digital Literacy Certificate when complete module with score 85+

ACES
Academic, Career and Employability Skills

- Teaches the skills needed for successful transition to post secondary, career, workplace and community involvement
  - Effective Communication
  - Learning Strategies
  - Critical Thinking
  - Self-Management
  - Developing a future pathway
  - Navigating systems

How do teachers learn how to do this?

- Training available from the state for teachers/administrators on how to develop and assess instruction with these standards at the core
  - Online
  - In-person
  - Cohorts
  - Site plans
- Tests now align to this
- Materials now align to this