Indiana Academic Standards

Grade 4

Indiana in the Nation and the World

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Indiana Department of Education

College and Career Readiness
What are standards?

Standards outline *what students need to know, understand, and be able to do.*

Academic standards are benchmark measures that define what students should know and be able to do at specified grade levels beginning in kindergarten and progressing through grade twelve. The standards are promulgated as state regulations. As such, they must be used as the basis for curriculum and instruction in Indiana's accredited schools. **The academic standards are *NOT* a curriculum;** therefore, identifying the sequence of instruction in each grade—what will be taught and how long—requires concerted effort and attention at the district/school level. Academic standards do not prescribe any particular curriculum. Curriculum tools are selected at the district/school level and adopted through the local school board. No student, by virtue of poverty, age, race, gender, cultural or ethnic background, disabilities, or family situation will ultimately be exempt from learning the required academic standards, although it is acknowledged that individual students may learn in different ways and at different rates. Academic standards focus on what students will need to learn in order to be college and career ready and to be competitive in the job market.
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**Examples:** The civil rights movement and school integration in Indiana; Indiana’s participation in the Korean War; Asian and Hispanic immigration; and growth in advanced manufacturing and the life sciences industry.

4.1.14 Research Indiana’s modern growth emphasizing manufacturing, new technologies, transportation and global connections.

**Examples:** Use Indiana government Web sites and other online resources to learn about the development of the interstate highway system, establishment of ports in Indiana, aerospace engineering, and pharmaceutical and high-tech industries.

Chronological Thinking, Historical Comprehension, Analysis and Interpretation, Research

4.1.15 Create and interpret timelines that show relationships among people, events, and movements in the history of Indiana.

**Examples:** Immigration patterns such as the settlement of the French and Germans, and automobile manufacturing

4.1.16 Identify different opinions in historical documents and other information resources and identify the central question each narrative addresses.

**Examples:** Identify different opinions regarding Indiana’s participation in the Civil War, using political cartoons, newspaper editorials and writings found in digitalized collections of local and state libraries, museums and historic sites.

4.1.17 Construct a brief narrative about an event in Indiana history using primary and secondary sources.

**Examples:** The first Indianapolis 500 mile race in 1911, The Battle of Tippecanoe 1811, The Ohio River Flood of 1913 and the 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes

* **primary source:** developed by people who experienced the events being studied (i.e., autobiographies, diaries, letters, government documents)

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4.1.18 Research and describe the contributions of important Indiana artists and writers to the state’s cultural landscape.

**Examples:** Painters: T.C. Steele, the Hoosier Group and Robert Indiana; Authors: James Whitcomb Riley and Gene Stratton Porter; Musicians: Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Wes Montgomery, Joshua Bell and John Mellencamp; Other entertainers: Red Skelton and David Letterman
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4.2.5 Give examples of how citizens can participate in their state government and explain the right and responsibility of voting.

4.2.6 Define and provide examples of civic virtues* in a democracy.

Examples: Individual responsibility, self-discipline/self-governance, civility, respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals, honesty, respect for the law, courage, compassion, patriotism, fairness and commitment to the common good

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**Examples:** The civil rights movement and school integration in Indiana; Indiana's participation in the Korean War; Asian and Hispanic immigration; and growth in advanced manufacturing and the life sciences industry. |
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| **4.1.14** Research Indiana's modern growth emphasizing manufacturing, new technologies, transportation and global connections.  
**Examples:** Use Indiana government Web sites and other online resources to learn about the development of the interstate highway system, establishment of ports in Indiana, aerospace engineering, and pharmaceutical and high-tech industries. | | | |
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4.1.15 Create and interpret timelines that show relationships among people, events, and movements in the history of Indiana.

**Examples:** Immigration patterns such as the settlement of the French and Germans, and automobile manufacturing.

4.1.16 Identify different opinions in historical documents and other information resources and identify the central question each narrative addresses.

**Examples:** Identify different opinions regarding Indiana’s participation in the Civil War, using political cartoons, newspaper editorials and writings found in digitalized collections of local and state libraries, museums and historic sites.
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| **4.1.17** Construct a brief narrative about an event in Indiana history using primary and secondary sources. **Examples:** The first Indianapolis 500 mile race in 1911, The Battle of Tippecanoe 1811, The Ohio River Flood of 1913 and the 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes.  
*primary source:* developed by people who experienced the events being studied (i.e., autobiographies, diaries, letters, government documents)  
*secondary source:* developed by people who have researched events but did not experience them directly (i.e., articles, biographies, Internet resources, nonfiction books) |
| **4.1.18** Research and describe the contributions of important Indiana artists and writers to the state’s cultural landscape. **Examples:** Painters: T.C. Steele, the Hoosier Group and Robert Indiana; Authors: James Whitcomb Riley and Gene Stratton Porter; Musicians: Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Wes Montgomery, Joshua Bell and John Mellencamp; Other entertainers: Red Skelton and David Letterman |