Promoting Access to Grade-Level Learning For All Through Standards Implementation

STANDARDS

CURRICULUM

HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

What's the Difference?

The Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) address a foundational framework of what is to be learned.

The KAS contain the minimum requirements of what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level.

The curriculum addresses *how* learning experiences are designed at the local level.

The overall purpose is to focus on and connect the work of classroom teachers within a school and/or district to standards, assessments and classroom practices in order to raise student achievement.

The Kentucky Department of Education defines High-Quality Instructional Resources (HQIRs) as materials that are:

- Aligned with the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS);
- Research-based and/or externally validated;
- Comprehensive to include engaging texts (books, multimedia, etc.), tasks and assessments;
- Based on fostering vibrant student learning experiences;
- Culturally-relevant, free from bias: and
- Accessible for all students.

Who is Responsible?

The Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education

Local superintendent, district and/or school administrators and teachers

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