Essential Standards Overview

4 Criteria to Rate

Endurance – Is the knowledge/skill needed beyond this unit?

Leverage – Is the knowledge/skill something that will be applied in other subjects?

Readiness for the next level of learning – Is the knowledge/skill an essential prerequisite for next year?

High stakes – How much coverage does the skill/knowledge get on Milestones?

Resources for Rating

Your and your colleagues’ professional knowledge.

Standards for prior grade and next grade.

Achievement level descriptors.

Milestones guides.

Domain weights for the Milestones.

Benchmark data.

Milestones data.

Rating Scale

Rate the 4 criteria for each standard.

Use H, M, L (High, Medium, Low) to identify the strength of the standard’s endurance, leverage, readiness, and high stakes.

Rate on your own first, then discuss and come to a consensus.

Remember this tip: When considering whether to select one similar standard over another, determine which one is the more comprehensive or rigorous one, not the one that is more foundational.