

What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten? Student Success in Science, Technology, Social Studies, Nutrition and Health, Physical Education, the Arts, Careers and, for some, World Languages Parent Guide #12

The Michigan Department of Education guides schools in what should be taught for each subject or area. The list for all subject areas can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_38684---,00.html.

Science

Michigan has adopted the Next Generation Science Standards that were developed by the National Academy of Science.

Technology

Technology changes rapidly, and therefore, kindergarten students are exposed to digital tools and their uses.

Social Studies

At this age, children learn history, geography, civics and other Social Studies concepts through the context of "Myself and Others."

Nutrition and Health

Schools cannot achieve their primary mission of education if students and staff are not physically, mentally, and socially healthy. Health Education addresses the physical, mental, emotional, and social dimensions of health.

Physical Education

A child's intellectual growth cannot take place without having met his or her basic physical needs. The curriculum for every child's preschool through high school experience should include the opportunity to participate in quality physical education programs and other health-enhancing physical activity.

The Arts

Research shows students with an education in the Arts outperform others by virtually every measure. Michigan guides schools in ways to promote Kindergarten student learning in Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater.

World Languages

Some schools will begin teaching a language other than English during the kindergarten year. These "immersion" programs use national principles of language acquisition adopted by the Michigan Department of Education.