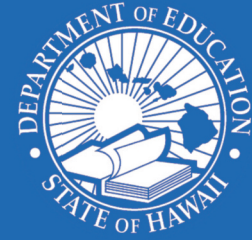


# Terms/Meanings



There are a lot of terms to describe components of a child's education — sometimes they get used interchangeably and the meanings are confused or conflated. Standards, for example, are not the same thing as curriculum. This is a simple overview of the key terms that everyone interested in public education should know.

## Standards

***These are the goals...***

What students should know and be able to do by the end of the school year.

## Curriculum

***... this is the means ...***

The planned content, materials & resources used by teachers to help students learn.

## Assessment

***... this is the yardstick.***

A measurement of subject mastery. Results help teachers and parents know whether students are ready for what comes next.

## Common Core

Standards that set clear guidelines for what students need to know in math and English language arts (includes literacy in science, social studies, and technical subjects).

## Smarter Balanced

The assessments used in Hawaii and other states, designed to provide reliable, fair measures of students' progress toward being college & career ready.

## GLOs

General Learner Outcomes: Six goals that complement curriculum to ensure students become lifelong learners and caring community contributors.

## Data

Information used during and at the end of learning blocks to target student support, adjust and individualize instruction.

## Growth

How much and how fast students are achieving over time.

## College & Career Ready

The knowledge needed to take advantage of opportunities after high school.

