

Selecting Standards

1. Begin by looking at the entire set of applicable course standards

- These should be Nevada Academic Content Standards

2. Analyze the standards through two lenses:

a. Content Need (timeless)

- What standards need to be mastered by students in this course?
- Over the years what is typically difficult, yet important content for students to master?
- What does the district, state, or national experts say are essential (key) standards for this course?

b. Current Student Needs (timely)

- What are the current needs of my students?
- What do students' baselines or formative assessments results demonstrate as a need for current students?

3. Craft a rationale

- Explain the data or information you used to determine this focus.
- Explain why these standards are important for your students