

Note on Pennsylvania Standards for History:

For both primary and secondary schools, Pennsylvania does not demand specific content standards. The state does demand that certain content areas be studied: Pennsylvania history, United States history, and World history. Beyond that, the state merely says:

These standards provide a history framework to permit every school and teacher to create planned instruction. The content within this document is general and does not represent a course or even a portion thereof. Every school is encouraged to move beyond these standards. These standards are merely a starting point for the study of history. Planned instruction to meet these standards is required; however, the methodology, resources, and time are neither recommended nor implied. Having established the need to move beyond recall, it is the intent of these standards to give students throughout Pennsylvania a common cultural literacy.