

Concepts of learning that all students should know and be able to do.	Conservation Benchmarks		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Outdoor recreational pursuits have many benefits and impacts (such as health, economic, ecological, etc.)  <i>Outdoor Participation</i>	Identifies nature-related outdoor recreation opportunities for health, fun, challenge, self expression, and/or social interaction.	Describes the role of nature-related outdoor recreation for health, fun, challenge, self expression, and/or social interaction.	Creates an individual plan for lifelong nature-related outdoor recreation for health, fun, challenge, self expression, and/or social interaction.
	Identifies nature related outdoor activities and their impact on the natural environment.	Describes impacts that nature-related outdoor recreation activities can have on the local natural environment and community.	Calculates the benefits, costs, and obligations associated with regular participation in nature-related outdoor recreation beyond the local level.
Demonstrate competency in motor skills needed to participate in a variety nature-related outdoor recreational activities.  <i>Outdoor Participation</i>	Demonstrates mature forms of locomotor and non-locomotor skill combinations used in nature-related outdoor-activities.	Demonstrates competency in modified versions in at least one nature-related activity from three of the following categories: aquatics (water-based activities), shooting/archery, traversing (hiking, tracking, walking, etc.).	Demonstrates competency in basic and advanced skills in at least one nature-related activity from three of the following categories: canoeing, archery, fishing, shooting, tracking, camping, and hiking.
Participate regularly in nature-related outdoor recreation.  <i>Outdoor Participation</i>	Sets a short-term goal to participate in a nature related activity and make a plan for achieving it.	Sets personal nature-related outdoor recreational activity goals independently to meet needs and interests.	Cultivates interest and strengthens desire to independently maintain an active lifestyle in nature-related outdoor activities.
Exhibit responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others in nature-related outdoor recreation.  <i>Outdoor Participation</i>	Understands and follows activity-specific safe practices, rules, procedures and etiquette during nature-related outdoor activities.	Participates cooperatively in nature-related outdoor activities with persons with diverse abilities and backgrounds.	Initiates responsible behavior, functions independently and responsibly, and positively influences the behavior of others while participating in nature related outdoor activities.