

**120B.023 BENCHMARKS.**

Subdivision 1. **Benchmarks implement, supplement statewide academic standards.**

(a) The commissioner must supplement required state academic standards with grade-level benchmarks. High school career and college-ready benchmarks may cover more than one grade. Schools must offer and students must achieve all benchmarks for an academic standard to satisfactorily complete that state standard.

(b) The commissioner shall publish benchmarks in the State Register and transmit the benchmarks in any other manner that informs and guides parents, teachers, school districts, and other interested persons and makes them accessible to the general public. The commissioner must use benchmarks in developing career and college readiness assessments under section 120B.30. The commissioner may charge a reasonable fee for publications.

(c) Once established, the commissioner may change the benchmarks only with specific legislative authorization and after completing a review under section 120B.021, subdivision 4.

(d) The benchmarks are not subject to chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply.

Subd. 2. MS 2012 [Renumbered 120B.021, subd 4]

**History:** 2003 c 129 art 1 s 5; 2006 c 263 art 2 s 3; 2009 c 96 art 2 s 5; 2010 c 396 s 2; 1Sp2011 c 11 art 2 s 2; 2012 c 239 art 1 s 5; 2013 c 116 art 2 s 4,21