



Sanborn Regional School District Curriculum Concept Guides

The Concept Organizers were created to assist teachers in aligning their instruction to the Common Core Standards. These concept organizers are not replacements for teachers' individual units. They are deconstructions of the Common Core Standards and the content area standards. These concept organizers are a resource from which teachers can select appropriate Knowledge, Understandings, and Dos to develop their own unit(s) of instruction.

The Concept Organizers include:

- *All curriculum standards*
- *Common Core Standards ELA & Mathematics*
- *Course Competencies*
- *ELA, for literacy in Science and literacy in History/Social Studies.*

Knowledge: *Refers to information such as vocabulary terms, definitions, and facts that may or may not need explicit instruction, however, are the foundation on which the lesson will be built.*

Understandings: *Refers to the important ideas, principles, and generalizations that allow students to make connections and see patterns and relationships among content. These are the goals of the instruction, outcomes you expect to achieve.*

Dos: *Refers to demonstration of skills. These are the skills that require explicit instruction. By the completion of a lesson/unit, students should have mastered the selected skill(s).*