Arizona State Standards Coding Structure

Understanding what all those digits mean!

Arizona’s State Standards define what students in each grade should learn. Each standard lists some of the knowledge and skills students should acquire. Standards each have a “code” as well as a written description, and this guide helps explain what that code means.

Here is a sample 6th grade math code: 6.M.NS.A.01. Let’s take a look at what each part of this code means.

**Grade:** The grade level of the standard.

**Subject:** M for Math, R for Reading, and so on. See chart on next page.

**Domain:** NS for Number Sense, RL for Reading Literature, and so on.

**Cluster:** A group of related skills in the same domain.

**Performance Objective:** The individual knowledge and skill to be acquired.
The chart above has a good overview, but does not list every single combination or code. Complete information on standards and their codes can be found on the Arizona Department of Education’s website, [available by clicking here](#).

We hope this informational handout on the standards coding is useful. Remember that the written description of the standard is usually much more informative than just the code itself. Taken together, they can give you a good description of what your child is learning!