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Content Standards v. 4**



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The Texas Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards v. 4 include the Digital Literacy Content Standards, recognizing the essential role of digital skills in workforce qualifications. In February 2023, [the National Skills Coalition released a report](#) revealing that 92% of jobs in today’s workforce, including many entry-level and front line positions, require digital skills. Additionally, the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance’s State Digital Equity Scorecard](#) highlights that 76% of job openings in Texas demand “foundational digital skills.” These Digital Literacy Content Standards reflect the need for Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) students to demonstrate proficiency in basic digital skills for employment and success in today’s workforce.

The Digital Literacy Content Standards draw upon other frameworks and standards used nationwide, including ISTE Standards for Students, Northstar Digital Literacy Standards, and the Seattle Digital Equity Initiative Skills Framework.

Please see the section titled History of the Texas Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards for detailed description of the evolution and structure of the Texas AEL Content Standards.