



GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

FIFTH GRADE

The Brewster Central School District grade-level expectations for Fifth Grade outline what students should know and be able to do at the end of the academic year to help them succeed in school and beyond. These expectations are based on the New York State Learning Standards and the Brewster Central School District's Profile of a Graduate skills. The skills should be viewed holistically and are not used to determine promotion or retention. A student may be on track towards proficiency without showing mastery of every skill. Teachers provide interventions as needed to support skill development.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Vocabulary

- Determine the meaning of new or tricky words.
- Explain simple comparisons like similes and metaphors in context.
- Recognize and explain everyday sayings (idioms, proverbs).
- Connect words to their antonyms and synonyms.

Comprehension/Fluency

- Use letter sounds, syllables, and word parts to figure out new long words
- Read grade-level text with sufficient accuracy and fluency
- Read and understand complex stories, poems, and informational texts.
- Identify the main idea or theme and explain how details support it.
- Summarize what a text is about
- Compare and contrast different texts, including how they are organized.
- Explain how chapters or scenes fit together in a story.
- Describe how the narrator's perspective shapes the events.
- Explain how claims are supported with reasons and evidence.

Speaking/Listening

- Participate in group discussions and give presentations.
- Share information and tell stories clearly.
- Express ideas and build on what others say.
- Come to discussions ready, having read or studied the assigned material.

Writing

- Use correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Write to support opinions with reasons and evidence.
- Write to share facts and information.
- Write stories with details and clear sequences.
- Find proof from texts to support writing and thinking.
- Use transition words to link ideas together.
- Do research to answer questions and learn.
- Take notes and organize information.



MATHEMATICS

Numbers and Operations:

- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions and decimals.
- Understand and use exponents.
- Solve real-world problems involving fractions and decimals.
- Begin to explore the concept of ratios.

Measurement and Geometry:

- Calculate volume of rectangular prisms.
- Graph points on the coordinate plane.
- Classify two-dimensional figures based on their properties.
- Understand and use unit conversions.

Data and Problem Solving:

- Analyze and interpret data in graphs and tables.
- Solve real-world problems involving measurement and data.
- Use problem-solving strategies to solve multi-step problems.



SCIENCE

Life Science

- Understand how organisms interact in ecosystems.
- Explore the structure and function of cells.
- Learn about heredity and genetics.

Physical Science

- Understand the properties of matter and changes in matter.
- Explore forces and motion, including gravity.
- Learn about energy transformations.

Earth and Space Science

- Understand the Earth's systems and their interactions.
- Learn about the Earth's history and geological processes.
- Explore the solar system and beyond.



ART

Creating and Expressing

- Uses a variety of art materials and techniques with increased skill and creativity.
- Creates artwork that expresses personal ideas and perspectives.
- Applies the elements of art and principles of design to create complex artwork.
- Develops a personal artistic style.

Responding and Connecting

- Analyzes and interprets artwork from different cultures and historical periods.
- Connects art to other subjects and real-world issues.
- Critiques their own artwork and the artwork of others.



SOCIAL STUDIES

United States History

- Learn about the causes and consequences of the American Revolution.
- Understand the development of the United States government.
- Explore the expansion of the United States in the 19th century.
- Learn about the causes of the civil war.

Geography

- Use maps and globes to understand the geography of the United States.
- Understand how geography influences people's lives and cultures.
- Understand the concept of regions.

Civics and Economics

- Understand the principles of the U.S. government and the Constitution.
- Learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
- Explore basic economic concepts (supply, demand, trade).



MUSIC

Performing and Creating

- Sings songs with accurate pitch, rhythm, and expression.
- Plays instruments with increasing proficiency.
- Creates and improvises musical compositions.
- Reads and writes more complex musical notation.

Listening and Understanding

- Listens to and analyzes music from various genres and cultures.
- Understands and uses musical vocabulary to describe and analyze music.
- Connects music to historical and cultural contexts.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Movement and Motor Skills

- Performs complex movement skills and combines them into sequences with accuracy and control.
- Participates in a variety of games, sports, and activities that require strategy and teamwork.
- Demonstrates advanced body control and spatial awareness.
- Demonstrates a mature combination of locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills in a variety of physical activities.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONTINUED

Physical Activity and Health

- Understands the benefits of regular physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices.
- Participates in activities that promote cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and flexibility.
- Explains the relationship between skills and health-related fitness.
- Understands basic first aid and safety procedures.
- Demonstrates respect for facilities and exhibits safe behaviors in physical activity settings.

Social and Emotional Skills

- Demonstrates leadership, cooperation, and teamwork in group activities.
- Develops self-confidence, self-awareness, and resilience through physical activity.
- Demonstrates respect for others and promotes a positive social environment.



LITERACY AND MATH SCREENING ASSESSMENTS

Fifth grade students are screened three times per year on their literacy and math skills using the STAR assessments to ensure they are on track towards proficiency.

Diagnostic assessments are used by teachers to determine students' literacy and mathematical skill level as well as determine if additional support is needed in these areas.

