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## Ensuring Student Success

**MADISON** – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) joined her Assembly Republican colleagues in supporting a package of bills aimed at ensuring student success and providing curriculum transparency in the K-12 education system on Wednesday. “I’d like to highlight two bills from today’s Floor Session that I have co-sponsored,” began Rep. Rodriguez.

“Over the past four years, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has unilaterally lowered the academic standards Wisconsin holds for our K-12 students and schools. This has made it more difficult for lawmakers, school boards, educators, and parents to track school and student performance year-over-year,” stated Rodriguez. 2025 Assembly Bill 1 ([AB 1](#)) will return school assessment criteria to the previous higher standards and align pupil performance categories for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade with the National Assessment of Educational Progress. “This will help us identify where our students are struggling so we can look to address problems and improve student outcomes. My priority is getting as many pupils to grade-level proficiency at reading and math as we can, and we can’t do that without a clear understanding of where our students, schools, and school districts are currently at,” continued Rep. Rodriguez.

2025 Assembly Bill 4 ([AB 4](#)) requires schools receiving state funding to include civics instruction in their curriculum for grades K-12 and establishes a one-half credit requirement for high school graduation. Wisconsin is one of only 14 states that doesn’t already require a civics course for high school graduation. “This bill will ensure that Wisconsin youth are taught their rights and responsibilities as American citizens. It’s our hope that students will develop a sense of civic pride and learn how to participate in their local, state, and federal governments,” Rodriguez explained.

Having passed in the Assembly, this package of bills will now go to the State Senate for consideration.

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