

## **8 Tenets of a Standards-based System**

1. Standards-based education holds students accountable for specific district-wide content standards that have accompanying benchmarks.
2. Standards-based education holds students accountable for specific thinking and reasoning standards.
3. Standards-based education separates out essential learning standards (student learning goals).
4. Standards-based education has no explicit, mandatory instructional model.
5. Standards-based education emphasizes the application of knowledge.
6. Standards-based education provides direct feedback to students on their standings relative to standards.
7. Standards-based education relies heavily on classroom teachers for assessment data.
8. Standards-based education emphasizes student self-assessment.