

Canalside Tour: New York State Curriculum Alignment

This document outlines some of the New York State curriculum goals and learning standards that may be addressed through an educational tour of Canalside. The Canalside tour provides interdisciplinary, place-based learning opportunities that support multiple New York State learning standards across grade levels

NYS Social Studies Framework

History of New York State & Local History

- Explain how geography, natural resources, and waterways influenced the development of New York State.
- Analyze the role of the Erie Canal in economic growth, migration, and westward expansion.
- Use local landmarks and primary/secondary sources to interpret historical change over time.

Geography & Human-Environment Interaction

- Identify major waterways and transportation routes in New York State.
- Examine how humans modify the environment to meet economic and social needs.

Economics & Civic Life

- Understand how trade, transportation, and infrastructure support regional economies.
- Evaluate how communities make decisions about public spaces, preservation, and redevelopment.

English Language Arts (Next Generation ELA Standards)

- Engage in collaborative discussions and ask questions during guided tours.
- Gather information from informational texts, signage, and presentations.

The Arts & Visual Literacy

- Respond to architecture, public art, and cultural landscapes.
- Interpret how design choices reflect historical and contemporary community values