



Comparison of *Benchmarks* and *NSES* Areas of Agreement

- Commitment to teaching less detail so there is time to learn important ideas well
- What the most important topics are
- Emphasis on fundamental concepts within topics
- Emphasis on understanding ideas over memorizing technical terms
- The level of sophistication in topical areas that is appropriate for high school graduates
- The grade-level placement of topics
- How ideas connect within and across topics to build understanding