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# COLORADO'S STANDARDS REVIEW

## STANDARDS REVIEW AT A GLANCE

The State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education are beginning a comprehensive revision of all thirteen Model Content Standards. These standards are the expectations of what students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade must know and be able to do. They were first created and adopted beginning in 1993. At this time, Colorado was a leader in standards-centered reform.

Now, the State Board and the Department are conducting a third party analysis to refresh the standards as well as to bridge pre-school and post-secondary expectations with the K-12th grade program. This work to modernize state standards will review the current standards with an eye to incorporate 21st century skills, college readiness and career/workforce skills.

### COLORADO'S SCHEDULE OF REVIEW ...

WestEd, a federal laboratory, is conducting the content gap analysis and Coloradoans will be getting these reviews in phases.

**Phase I:** Math, Science, Reading, Writing and Music standards

**Phase II:** Civics, Economics and Financial Literacy, Geography, History, Dance, Visual Arts and Theatre standards

**Phase III:** Physical Education and World Language standards

### APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED RE CONTENT SPECIFIC REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEES...

Members will be selected in a name blind process by stakeholders from around the state of Colorado. On November 21st, content sub-committees with a desire to modernize the standards and come from a variety of sectors including business, higher education, k-12, pre-school and technical fields will be announced. Visit our website [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand\\_rev.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand_rev.html) then.

## WE BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND...AND NEED YOUR INPUT.

Just what is it to be College Ready? What is your sense of a 21st century skill set? How "Ready" must a student be to be successful in school? Beginning in September statewide regional meetings, electronic surveys and other meetings will be launched to solicit your input and help our state first identify our definitions of success. Regional meetings occurred September 15th—26th in Grand Junction, Castle Rock, Golden, Denver, Fort Collins, Fort Morgan, La Junta, Durango, Pueblo, Alamosa, Leadville, Steamboat Springs, and Colorado Springs, LaJunta and Fort Morgan. Results of survey and tour will be shared on line at [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand\\_rev.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand_rev.html).

### STAY INFORMED!

Updates will be posted weekly to our webpage at [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand\\_rev.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand_rev.html). The conversation will be direct, expeditious and transparent. Senate Bill 212 requires the State Board to approve any revisions by December 2009. Your continued support is important to us.