



Colorado Department of Education – Communications Office
201 East Colfax Ave.
Room 103
Denver, CO 80203
Phone: 303-866-3898
Fax: 303-866-6938

June 26, 2009

News Release

Colorado Model Content Standards Stakeholders Meet Monday, June 29 in Pagosa Springs

Key stakeholders will gather for the ninth time on Monday, June 29 as part of the ongoing process to review and revise the state's model content standards — descriptions of what every student is expected to learn by subject and grade.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Springs Resort and Spa Conference Room, 165 Hot Springs Blvd., in Pagosa Springs.

The agenda includes:

8:30-10:30 a.m. Standards Overview

1. Phase I: Regional Tour and Subcommittee Reports
(Mathematics, Music, Reading/Writing/Communicating, Science)
2. Financial Literacy Update
3. Phase II: Social Studies (Civics, Economics, Geography and History)
4. Phase III work has just begun (Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Health and Physical Education, World Languages)
6. English Language Development and Expanded Benchmarks
7. Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Description
8. Common Core Standards

10:30 a.m. -4 p.m. Implementation

1. Teacher tour

2. Main areas of focus for classroom implementation
3. Interests at all levels
4. Key roles and responsibilities
5. Needs and resources
6. Next Steps

The Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education have launched a comprehensive revision of all 13 Colorado Model Content Standards. These standards are the expectations for what students in preschool through twelfth grade must know and be able to do. They were first created and adopted in 1993. This work to modernize state standards will review the current standards with an eye toward incorporating 21st century skills, postsecondary readiness, career/workforce skills and early school readiness.

For more information on the standards review process, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/standardsreview.html>.

For more information, contact Mark Stevens, 303-866-3898, or Megan McDermott, 303-866-2334, in the CDE Office of Communications. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html>.

#