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## **News Release**

### ***State Board Meeting Agenda For Thursday, Dec. 10 Includes Adoption Of State Model Content Standards***

The Colorado State Board of Education this week will consider adopting new model content standards that redefine what the state expects students to learn in order to be fully prepared for postsecondary or workforce success.

The board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the first-floor board room at the Colorado Department of Education offices, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver. The consideration of the standards will occur in the afternoon.

The draft standards represent two years of work and meetings across the state involving hundreds of stakeholders representing a broad cross-section of school and community points of view.

Standards are being considered for all 13 model content areas. They include civics; dance; economics; geography; health and physical education; history; math; music; reading, writing and communicating; science; theatre; visual art and world languages and English language development standards.

The final drafts of the standards are available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/DraftStandards.html>

Following is the full agenda for Thursday:

- Approval of the agenda

- State Board of Education reports
- Report from Commissioner Dwight D. Jones
- Update on the 2009-2010 Colorado Assessment System Review and Colorado Academic Standards
- Legislative Update
- Communications Report
- Executive Session (over lunch)
- Consideration and adoption of state model content standards in the following order:
  - Drama and Theatre Arts
  - Reading, Writing and Communicating
  - Dance
  - Music
  - Comprehensive Health and Physical Education
  - World Languages
  - Visual Arts
  - English Language Development
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Approval of requests for emergency renewal authorizations (two total).
- Approval of requests for initial emergency authorizations (six total).
- Approval of a waiver request from certain statutes by Adams County School District 14 on behalf of Community Leadership Academy.
- 1 p.m. - Rulemaking hearing on permanent rules for the authorization of charter schools as School Food Authorities.
- 1:30 p.m. - Rulemaking hearing on the rules pertaining to Closing the Achievement Gap.

- 2 p.m. - Rulemaking Hearing concerning rules for the Administration of Individual Career and Academic Plans.
- Recognition of Colorado Distinguished Title 1 Schools—Stein Elementary School (Jefferson County Schools) and La Jara Elementary School (North Conejos RE-1J).
- Gifted Education—State Advisory Committee report to the State Board of Education.

For additional information about each agenda item or to review the proposed rules, please visit the state board's Web page for agendas: <http://www.boarddocs.com/co/cde/Board.nsf/Public>

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