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## **News Release**

### ***New Reports Compare Colorado Academic Standards With National Common Core Standards; State Board Of Education Will Meet Via Web Conference On Wednesday, July 21, To Review Findings***

The Colorado Department of Education's Office of Student Assessment released several reports today comparing the Colorado Academic Standards and the national Common Core State Standards.

The reports were conducted by the Assessment and Standards Development Services program at WestEd, an educational research, development and service organization. WestEd provided CDE with a line-by-line gap analysis for two standards subject areas - Mathematics and Reading, Writing and Communicating. The analyses and summaries can be found at [www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CAS\\_CCSSI\\_Gap\\_Analysis.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CAS_CCSSI_Gap_Analysis.html).

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones and Stanley Rabinowitz, the Director of WestEd's Assessment and Standards Development Services, will lead the state board through the gap analyses reports during a Web conference on Wednesday, July 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the Web conference or to listen to the meeting online, by visiting <http://cecc.na4.acrobat.com/cosbe2/>. The meeting name is Colorado SBE2. Join the meeting by typing in your name as a guest. The meeting will open a few minutes before 2 p.m. The Web conference is limited to approximately 100 people. An audio recording of the meeting will be posted on the state board Web site at [www.cde.state.co.us/index\\_sbe.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_sbe.htm)

An agenda for the meeting will be posted on Monday, July 19 at [www.cde.state.co.us/index\\_sbe.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_sbe.htm).

In a separate posted report, members of the Colorado Academic Standards subcommittees provided feedback on the gap analysis. The subcommittees thoughtfully considered each gap and alignment statement, and prepared draft recommendations of how select Common Core items could enhance the Colorado Academic Standards in mathematics and reading, writing and communicating.

Coloradans are encouraged to provide feedback on this report through Wednesday, July 28. The public can e-mail comments to [Standards\\_Review\\_Com@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Standards_Review_Com@cde.state.co.us).

### **About Colorado's Standards**

The Colorado State Board of Education unanimously adopted new standards in 11 areas last December, following a two-year statewide conversation. These standards detail the broad themes, ideas and concepts that the state expects students to learn, experience and demonstrate for postsecondary success. The new standards replace those adopted in 1994 when the state first shifted to a common statewide understanding of what students are expected to know and be able to do.

The 11 areas include dance; comprehensive health and physical education; math; music; reading, writing and communicating; science; social studies; drama and theatre arts; visual arts; world languages; and English language proficiency.

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