



Colorado Standards Review and Revision
Summary of Proposed Revision: Visual Arts

October 16, 2017

Colorado state law requires a review and revision of the Colorado Academic Standards every six years with the first review to be completed by July 2018. Stronger alignment of learning expectations within and across grades has been the primary focus of the review and revision process. When aligning expectations within standards, the result is deletions, revisions, additions, and reorganization. This includes additions, deletions, revisions and reorganizations of the standards. This document provides a summary of the substantive revisions that the drama and theater arts standards review committee recommends. Public feedback is being sought from Oct. 16 through Nov. 27, 2017. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview-publicfeedbackresources>.

The review committees are proposing common changes to the structure of the standards that apply to all content areas. These include:

- Changes to the title of the *Prepared Graduate Competencies* section of the standards document to *Prepared Graduate Statements* to reduce confusion with competency-based learning systems of instruction and assessment practices.
- Changes to the title of the right side of the standards document from *21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies* to *Academic Context and Connections*. The sections within the *Academic Context and Connections* continue to focus on essential skills and relevant connections to the *Grade Level Expectations*. The committees are proposing some variation to the sub-sections in order to capture the unique subject specific elements needed to create context for learning.

Finally, revisions to the preschool standards for all content areas contain proposed revisions to align the expectations with Colorado's Early Learning and Development Guidelines and the latest revision of the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

Proposed Revisions Applicable to All Grades (Preschool through 12th grade):

- The revision committee proposes changing the phrase *Characteristics and Expressive Features of Art and Design*, which is found throughout the document in prepared graduate competencies and evidence outcomes to the *Language of Art and Design* to clear up confusion the former term caused.
- The revision committee recommends adding measurable verbs to the *Grade Level Expectations* and shifting some visual art concepts and skills between *Grade Level Expectations*.

Proposed Revisions for Preschool through 5th Grade:

- The revision committee proposes combining the *Grade Level Expectations* for developmental appropriateness and to take into account the limited amount of instructional time available for art instruction.

Proposed Revisions for Middle School (6th grade through 8th grade):

- The committee recommends reorganizing the *Grade Level Expectations* and evidence outcomes to create better alignment between the elementary and high school concepts and skills.

Proposed Revisions for High School (9th grade through 12th grade):

- The revision committee does not recommend any changes beyond those mentioned above with an emphasis of more detailed language to clarify the evidence outcomes

For further detail regarding the standards review and revision process the following resources are available:

- [Review Criteria for High Quality Academic Standards](#): This resource provides a compilation of critical elements needed for high quality state standards.
- [Online feedback system](#): This system enables all Coloradans to review the revisions embedded within the standards and offers commenting capabilities to share feedback directly to the review and revision committees.
- [Complete lists of proposed revisions](#): These spreadsheets outline each revision proposed including a side by side comparison between the current standards and the proposed revision and the rationale for the recommendation.

For more information about the standards review and revision process, please visit:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview>.

For more information about the Visual Arts committee, please visit:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-visualarts>.