Colorado Standards Review and Revision  
Summary of Proposed Revision: World Languages

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](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 committee recommends changing the content within the Inquiry Questions section and evidence outcomes to align with the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages Can-Do Statements. The committee came to full consensus that this recommendation within the benchmarking report, pertaining to using the Can-Do statements, ensures that the inquiry questions more closely align with student goal-setting and classroom expectations.
- The committee recommends including a dedicated set of preschool standards. Previously the world languages standards did not include a set of preschool standards. Reaching full consensus, the committee felt that the first range level of novice-low did not sufficiently align to the expectations with Colorado’s Early Learning and Development Guidelines and the latest revision of the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

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

- [Review Criteria for High Quality Academic Standards](http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview-publicfeedbackresources): 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](https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview).

For more information about the World Languages committee, please visit: [http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-worldlanguages](http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-worldlanguages).