



History of Idaho's Content Standards

History of Standards Adoption in Idaho

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Beginning in the early to mid-1980's, concern over stagnating or declining achievement among U.S. students was the catalyst for the movement toward defining what students needed 'to know and be able to do' to be successful and flourish in our ever changing world and global economy.

Throughout the 1990's, most states created and adopted content standards to help guide students, parents and educators on the path of meaningful attainment of educational goals using 'criteria' or common yardstick of expectations, rather than comparing student results with each other.

Along the way most states adapted and updated content standards periodically to ensure the most up to date and effective set of expectation for students in the K12 system. Idaho, like most states, first adopted content standards in the 1990s and has revised these standards periodically since that time. Currently the established standards revision routine follows a set cycle by content area as directed in Idaho Administrative Rule found at 08.02.03.004.01 *The Idaho Content Standards. The Idaho Content Standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. The individual subject content standards are adopted in various years in relation to the curricular materials adoption schedule.*

Content standards are reviewed every 6 years by subject. Once the review is complete and if substantive changes are made (not just a few edits or clarifications), the standards go to the State Board of Education for approval in August and then on to the legislature for approval in the next legislative session.

Idaho's Current Standards

The Idaho Core Standards

During the 2011 legislative session, the Idaho Legislature adopted the Common Core Standards known throughout the state as the Idaho Core Standards. The standards adopted in 2011 cover Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy. View the current Idaho Core Standards for [Mathematics](#) and [ELA/Literacy](#).

In the current year, as directed by the Idaho Legislature in the 2015 session, a review of the Idaho Content Standards in English language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics has been undertaken through an online platform accessible to all stakeholders. This review was completed on December 15, 2015.

Information and Communication Technology

Idaho's Information and Communication Technology Standards were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2013 legislative session. These standards create a framework for information and communication around technology for grades K-12. [View the current Information and Communication Technology Standards](#)



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Health Standards

Idaho's Health Education Standards were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2010 legislative session. Adoption of these health standards were then implemented during the fall of the 2010 school year. [View the current Health Standards](#)

Humanities

Humanities standards are very broad, covering dance, interdisciplinary, music, theatre, visual arts, and world languages. All of the Humanities standards were adopted by the Idaho Legislature during the 2009 legislative session. [View the current Humanities Standards](#)

Physical Education

Idaho's Physical Education Standards were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2010 legislative session. These standards cover all aspects of physical education for grades K-12 which includes motor skills and movement skills needed to perform certain physical activities. [View the current Physical Education Standards](#)

Science

Idaho's Science Standards were reviewed and adopted by the Idaho State Department of Education and several science educators and stakeholders in 2015. The Idaho Science Standards Committee was invited to the Idaho State Department of Education in May of 2015 to review and revise the current K-12 Idaho Science Standards. The newly adopted Idaho Science standards will be reviewed by the Idaho Legislature during the 2016 legislative session. [View the current Science Standards](#)

Social Studies

Idaho Social Studies Standards cover content areas such as Geography, World History, U.S. History, American Government, and Economics. The current Social Studies Standards were adopted by the Idaho Legislature during the 2010 legislative session. [View the current Social Studies standards](#)