



PUBLIC MEETINGS IDAHO CONTENT STANDARDS REVISIONS

The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) is conducting a series of public meetings to provide stakeholders an additional opportunity to give input on negotiated rulemaking and revisions to the Idaho Content Standards. SDE personnel will be onsite at all meeting locations.

The SDE requests that participants record their comment on the [Idaho Content Standards Revisions Public Comment Form](#), and bring the completed information to the public meeting. If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meetings you can still submit your feedback online. The SDE will consider all comments prior to submission of the standards to the Idaho State Board of Education.

Notes: For Public Comment

- All comments must be received by the SDE on or before **April 29, 2016**, and will be published on the State Department of Education's website.
- If commenting on multiple content areas or standards, please complete a separate form/survey for each individual comment.

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Region	Location
April 18, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	I	Best Western Plus Coeur d'Alene Sherman Meeting Room 506 West Appleway Avenue Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
April 19, 2016 6 p.m. – 8p.m.	II	Red Lion Hotel Lewiston Port 4 Meeting Room 621 21st Street Lewiston, Idaho
April 21, 2016 6 p.m. – 8p.m.	VI	Hampton Inn Idaho Falls Airport Eagle Rock Meeting Room

Date	Region	Location
		645 Lindsay Boulevard Idaho Falls, Idaho
April 22, 2016 6 p.m. – 8p.m.	V	Hampton Inn Pocatello Meeting Room 151 Vista Drive Pocatello, Idaho
April 25, 2016 6 p.m. – 8p.m.	III	Red Lion Downtowner Selway/Sawtooth Meeting Room 1800 West Fairview Avenue Boise, Idaho
April 26, 2016 6 p.m. – 8p.m.	IV	Hilton Garden Inn Twin Falls Snake River Meeting Room 1741 Harrison Street North Twin Falls, Idaho

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Content Standards Revision Process

Idaho State Department of Education

Content Standards: General Background

What are learning standards?

Learning standards describe **what** students should know and be able to do at each grade level. In Idaho, as in most states, standards are adopted statewide. Standards are the goal.

What is Curriculum?

Curriculum is **how** the standards are taught. This includes any resources, texts, and specific instructional units or strategies used in the classroom. In Idaho, curriculum is adopted at the district level, and selecting it is the right and responsibility of each public school district or charter school. Curriculum is how districts reach the goal of the standards.

What is the normal cycle of standards review?

The Idaho State Department as a standard operating procedure reviews all learning standards on a rotating 6 year cycle.

Content Standards Review Process

- The Idaho State Department of Education relies on the expertise and collective knowledge of experienced Idaho educators from different regions of the state to consider whether changes, revisions or additions are indicated or needed to existing Idaho Content Standards. Multiple face-to-face sessions are typically conducted in Boise at the Idaho State Department of Education where the team reviews the current standards and considers possible changes that are clearly warranted.
- Proposed changes are then taken to the Idaho State Board of Education for approval at the Board's August meeting. If they are approved, there is an immediate 21 day open public comment period where anyone can weigh in on the proposed revisions. The State Board of Education considers these comments and may choose to modify the original set of revised standards. The Board then can approve or not approve the revised standards.
- If the Board approves the standards a second time in the fall of the year after the public comment period, the revised standards move next to the Idaho Legislature for final approval.

When reviewing the documents on the webpage listed above, proposed changes to specific standards are indicated in the following ways:

- ***For Social Studies, Science, Health, P.E., and Arts & Humanities:***
 - Blue strikethrough indicates the portion of the original standard which needs to be removed
 - Red Underline indicates language added to the standards

- ***For ELA/Literacy and Mathematics:***
 - Recommendation table which specifies the proposed change with corresponding page number in the standards document
 - Link to the Idaho Content Standards

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Idaho Public Meeting for Negotiated Rule Making

Public Comments Form for Idaho Content Standards

Idaho State Department of Education

The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) is conducting negotiated rulemaking regarding the Idaho Content Standards. As part of this process, a series of public meetings have been scheduled to provide stakeholders opportunities to give input on the revisions to the Idaho Content Standards. SDE personnel will be onsite at all meeting locations. In addition, the SDE is accepting written recommendations and comments.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

Idaho Content Standards describe what Idaho students should know and be able to do at each grade level in certain content areas. Content standards are reviewed by teams of Idaho educators on a rotating basis every six years to ascertain whether changes or revisions are indicated to ensure that the most current and effective standards form the foundational basis for instruction, which is the responsibility of each local public school district.

This rule change is intended to reflect the recommendations approved following this review process. The Idaho Content Standards up for review are Arts and Humanities, Computer Science Standards, English Language Arts/Literacy, Health Education, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies.

Provide comment in the space provided below. Please print and sign your name on the form, and be as specific as possible in your comments. *(If commenting on multiple content areas or standards, please complete a separate form for each individual comment.)*

If you prefer to mail in our comments, please send to:

Scott Cook - Director of Academic Services, Support, & Professional Development
650 West State Street
Boise, Idaho 83720
Fax: 208.334.2228

All comments must be delivered to the SDE on or before April 29, 2016, and will be published on the State Department of Education's website.

Date: _____

Submitter Printed Name (First and Last): _____

City: _____

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