



Arizona State Board of Education

State Board of Education Announces Release of Second Draft of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards for Consideration of Adoption

The Arizona State Board of Education has released the second draft of the Arizona English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards. This updated draft is now available for review on the Board's website at <https://k12standards.az.gov/>.

Throughout the revision process, the State Board has sponsored opportunities for public comment on the existing 2010 standards and the revised 2016 draft, which collectively generated over 10,000 public comments. The revision work was in response to Governor Ducey's charge to the State Board of Education to review and revise the 2010 Arizona College and Career Ready Standards.

To aid in the effort, the English Language Arts and Mathematics Working Groups, consisting of over 200 Arizona educators from 10 counties, reviewed the public comments and drafted revisions. In addition, the State Board of Education created the Arizona Standards Development Committee, which has held public meetings throughout the drafting process and provided additional feedback for the working groups. Technical experts in the areas of English language arts, mathematics and educational psychology also evaluated the revisions to ensure that the standards are rigorous, focused, coherent, based in research and developmentally appropriate for Arizona's K-12 students.

State Board of Education President Reginald M. Ballantyne III stated, "The release of the second draft of the revised standards is the product of a thorough and iterative process reflecting the input of countless Arizonans, from teachers, parents and technical experts to our educators serving on the working groups. It is certainly noteworthy that the citizens of Arizona answered the call to offer input, which resulted in this current set of revised standards, drafted by Arizonans for Arizona. It has been a long, but exceptionally productive endeavor."

On December 14, 2016 at 9:00 A.M., the Arizona Standards Development Committee will meet to consider a recommendation to the State Board of Education for adoption of the revised standards. An opportunity for public comment will be provided. Following this meeting, the State Board of Education will meet on December 19, 2016 at 9:00 A.M., to vote regarding adoption of the revised standards, which will include an additional opportunity for public comment. Both meetings will be held at the State Board of Education's boardroom, located at 1535 W Jefferson, Room 122, Phoenix, AZ 85007.