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Public comment sought on draft English language arts, personal financial literacy, physical education standards

Current mathematics and alternate social studies standards also to be reviewed

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is seeking public comment on new draft academic standards for English language arts, personal financial literacy, and physical education.

The State Superintendent’s Academic Standards Review Council recommended revision to current standards to English language arts, personal financial literacy, and physical education. The revision process was then initiated by the state superintendent. To develop updated standards, a writing committee representing Wisconsin educators, school leaders, higher education experts, and business leaders was established.

The three sets of draft standards are available for public review, and public hearings will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Feb. 10 at CESA 6 in Oshkosh, and from 4-6 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the Department of Public Instruction, Room P41.

Public Hearings

Feb. 10 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
CESA 6
2300 State Road 44, Oshkosh, WI

Feb. 11 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Department of Public Instruction, Room P41
125 S. Webster St., Madison, WI

An online form for public comment opens Jan. 28, and will remain open through Feb. 28, closing at 4 p.m. on that date. To access the form for the English language arts academic standards, [click here](#). To access the form for the personal financial literacy academic standards, [click here](#). To access the form for the physical education standards, [click here](#). Any individual, group, or agency in Wisconsin may submit written comments or information regarding academic standards through the online forms.

During the public comment period, the draft standards are submitted to the Wisconsin State Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate education committees for comment. The State Standards Writing Committees in each of these content areas will then review all comments from the public and the state legislature, and incorporate necessary changes before submitting the standards to the State Superintendent’s Academic Standards Review Council for its recommendations. The revised standards will then be submitted to the state superintendent for a decision on adoption.

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In Wisconsin, all state standards serve as a model. Authority to adopt academic standards rests with locally elected school boards.

Those intending to testify at the public hearing in Madison will be required to present photo identification at the security desk near the Webster Street public entrance. Those who need to use the building's handicapped accessible entrance on Butler Street should press the doorbell for admittance and check in with security.

Academic standards under review

On Jan. 28, online forms for public comment will also open to determine if the DPI should revise the Wisconsin Standards for Mathematics, and to collect input for writing the Wisconsin Standards for Alternate Social Studies and English language development. All online forms are open for public comment through Feb. 28. To provide feedback in regard to the mathematics standards review, [click here](#). To provide feedback in regard to the alternate social studies standards review, [click here](#). To provide feedback in regard to English language development, [click here](#).

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