

Standards Review Process

Grade Level Review

- Each team member open a specific electronic resource (standards from other states or organizations)
- Use the resources and *Features of Quality Standards* to review a group or set of South Dakota standards as directed by State staff.
- Come to a consensus and document proposed changes

Documentation Rules:

- Strike through words the team wants eliminated
- Use red and bold font for additions to the standards
- Identify if the standards will stay the same or has a proposed change
- Identify the *Quality Standards Rule #* that was used to justify improvements
- Summarize reason for proposed change
- Open the vertical alignment excel document and make the formatting changes to the appropriate standard.

Questions to Discuss

- Is the edit necessary?
- Does the proposed wording of the revised standard meet the qualities standards guidance?
- Do the proposed edits maintain connections within and across grades? If not, what other standards are impacted?

Vertical Alignment Review

- Step 1: Individual Review Time
 - Everyone will review a group or particular set of standards making comments **two grades above and two grades below**
 - Use the quality standards checklist to help guide
- Step 2: Grade Level Discussions
 - Grade level team will discuss questions or concerns and identify the purpose of the comment
 - Table Lead or assigned team member will document the team's questions or concerns in the comment sheet in the document folder

Please consider the following when commenting during the vertical alignment process:

- Have you looked at the reasoning on the grade level standards document?
- Does it meet one of the justifications or criteria on the Quality Standards Checklist?
- Does it move the work forward?
- Does it make a specific suggestion for improvement?
- How does this change impact your grade level?
- How does the change impact the intent or rigor of the standard?

- Step 3: Grade Level Review of Comments, Questions & Recommendations
 - Review and decide if table will make any changes at this point based on suggestions. Note you do not have to accept all suggestions in comments
- Step 4: Whole Group Discussion
 - Table Leads will report out to the whole group discussing unresolved concerns, questions, or recommendation starting with the standard from the lowest grade level
- Final Decisions
 - After the group has come to a final decision, the grade level team will make the edits on both the grade level excel and vertical alignment document