

SOUTH DAKOTA STANDARDS REVISION PROCESS

The South Dakota state standards are revised on a schedule approved by the State Board of Education. The information below outlines the process for revising South Dakota standards.

1. Standards workgroup will be established through an open application process.
 - a. Representatives of the workgroup may include representation from:
 - i. K-12 Teachers, SPED, ELL, Administrators, Curriculum Directors
 - ii. Postsecondary Institutions
 - iii. Business/Industry/School Board/Parents
 - b. Suggested workgroup size is 25-50 individuals per content/career cluster area. Some workgroups may be smaller depending on amount of work.
2. Engage workgroup in current content, cognitive research and/or business and industry needs in the respective subjects.
3. Agree upon criteria, based in the current research, which will be used to analyze current standards and also other state and national standards and frameworks.
4. Utilize criteria to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing South Dakota standards and other standards/frameworks.
5. Revise South Dakota standards or frameworks to meet the needs of South Dakota students.
 - a. This includes grade-band, grade-level and/or subject groups/courses to ensure:
 - i. Progression and coherence
 - ii. Real world applicability
 - iii. College and Career readiness
6. Provide continual updates through conference calls or posting information on standards revision process.
7. Obtain feedback from K-12 teachers and other stakeholders throughout the revision process. The standards revision workgroup will take feedback into consideration before finalizing the proposed standards.
8. Finalize formatting.

Steps 1-8 will be completed by the standards workgroup.

9. The Board of Education will hold four public hearings at the scheduled monthly meetings.
10. Finalize standards and present to Board of Education for adoption.