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### **Board adopts new standards in three content areas**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Education adopted new content standards in science, fine arts and educational technology earlier today.

Standards provide a road map for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level, K-12. Decisions regarding how to teach the standards, including decisions about curriculum and instructional materials, are made by local school districts.

A work group of South Dakota science educators, higher education representatives and members of the business community drafted the new science standards, incorporating the latest research on student learning. The science standards provide a foundation for students to attain knowledge of scientific concepts and engage in the practices of science and engineering. Teachers will be offered various opportunities for training based on the new standards between now and spring 2018, when students will be assessed on the new standards for the first time.

The last review of South Dakota's science standards was conducted in 2005.

According to state law, the Board of Education must review academic content standards on a cyclical basis.

[Click here](#) for more information on all three sets of newly adopted content standards.

Proposed K-12 social studies standards also received a public hearing today. The board will hold another hearing on these standards at its July 27 meeting in Rapid City.

Work groups will begin meeting this summer to revise career and technical education content standards in several career clusters. Public hearings on the standards these groups will propose are scheduled to start later this year.