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Department of Education seeking individuals to serve on standards work groups

PIERRE, S.D. – Beginning this summer, South Dakota will review standards in several content areas, including math, English language arts, and several career and technical education career clusters. The South Dakota Department of Education is seeking individuals from across the state to participate in this process.

Content standards provide a road map for what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade. The review process allows key stakeholders to review and analyze the state's content standards to pave the way for students to receive current and relevant learning experiences. Teachers, school administrators, postsecondary partners, business and industry representatives, and parents are encouraged to apply to participate on work groups by March 4.

Work group members will need to familiarize themselves with standards documents, resources and materials prior to their initial work group meetings. Members attend face-to-face meetings, and additional meetings may be conducted via webinar. Members work in teams and use existing state standards as a springboard for discussion.

South Dakota's content standards are reviewed regularly, as required by state law. Find applications and further information, including meeting schedules, at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/review.aspx>.