

Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development

Senate Education Committee

January 7, 2013

Mission

To ensure quality standards-based instruction to improve academic achievement for all students.

Overview

- Review process for
 - State Board engagement in revision of standards
 - Public comment
 - Legislative information
 - State Board approval

Engagement In Revision of Standards

- Statewide Education Summit, November 2008
 - World-class schools have strong academic standards and high expectations for all students
 - Summit action plan states that academic standards need review, and post-secondary alignment of K-12 standards must be part of the review
- State Board discussed and reviewed standards development work occurring nationally and in Alaska from June 2009 through June 2012

Public Comment

- Prior to putting the standards out for public comment, the State Board sought information from the department on public engagement in the development of the standards
 - Department held eight meetings to develop the standards from February 2010 to November 2011, engaging 230 Alaska representatives from 56 organizations
 - Included math, language arts, special education and English language learner educators
 - Included post-secondary educators and industry representatives
- State Board opened an extended period of public comment (December 21, 2011 to May 12, 2012 rather than the normal 30 days) regarding the new English language arts and mathematics standards, December 2011

Public Comment

- When the board puts a regulation out for comment, written notice is:
 - sent to 700 individuals and organizations;
 - published in the Anchorage Daily News;
 - posted on the EED web site and on the State's Online Public Notices site; and
 - included in the EED's weekly newsletter.
- For these draft standards the department took additional steps to solicit public feedback during the extended comment period, which included:
 - five open public community meetings during public comment held in Mat-Su, Fairbanks, Bethel, Juneau, and Anchorage;
 - eight EED webinars;
 - 17 EED in-person presentations across Alaska;
 - invitations to 125 Alaskan organizations; and
 - 18 requests for public comment in the EED Information Exchange.

Legislative Information

- Draft standards were discussed in the State Board's annual report to the Legislature in January 2012
- Additionally, the adoption of the standards was discussed in the State Board's annual report to the Legislature in January 2013

State Board Approval

- Review of public comment
 - Added Literacy Standards for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects for grades 6 – 12
 - Added two tables emphasizing the computational skills expected by the standards at each grade level
- Standards approved in June 2012