

Louisiana Believes

Academic Content Standards Review Process
2015-2016



Background

Louisiana Standards

The Department proposes a standards review process led by professional Louisiana educators that results in the best Louisiana standards for students.

Louisiana is free to use the standards that best prepare students and meet state laws. Louisiana's state laws require that standards be rigorous and prepare students for college and the workplace, as determined by educators, experts, and business and industry leaders. Nothing prevents Louisiana from making any adjustments to current state content standards deemed appropriate, and there are no limitations on the extent to which the standards are adjusted to meet local needs and priorities.

The following principles will guide this local review:

- 1. Consistency:** The standards review will be consistent with the legally required process and with past Louisiana standards reviews.
- 2. Focus on the standards:** The review process will focus on the substance of the actual standards themselves.
- 3. Improve what exists today rather than start from scratch:** The review process will improve current standards based on local, expert input and results, rather than requiring of teachers another five years of work to re-do classroom plans.
- 4. Public input:** The review process will include opportunities for the public to weigh in on every standard. In addition, all meetings will be open to the public.

Directives from BESE & the Legislature

In April, BESE required the Department to commence the next scheduled review of state academic content standards in English language arts and mathematics, as required in Bulletin 741, §2301(C).

In June, the Legislature, through [House Bill 373](#), called on BESE to move ahead with the following additions:

The state Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall develop and establish statewide state content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and secondary schools of this state.

State content standards for English language arts and mathematics shall be reviewed and developed as follows:

- (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall begin reviewing and developing state content standards in English language arts and mathematics.*
- (b) The board shall hold at least one meeting for such purpose in each Louisiana congressional district.*
- (c) The board shall submit the minutes from each meeting held pursuant to this Paragraph to each member of the legislature not later than thirty days after the meeting.*
- (d) All meetings held by the board for the review and development of the standards shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.*
- (e) The board shall post the standards on its website not later than February 21, 2016, and shall adopt the standards not later than March 4, 2016.*
- (f) The board shall promulgate the standards in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act prior to implementation of the standards.*

Committee Membership

Standards Committees & Participation

Standards Committee

26 members

Guide process and updates

Make final recommendation to BESE

Standards
Committee

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graph TD; SC[Standards Committee] --- K2[K-2 Content Subcommittee]; SC --- ELA[3-12 ELA Content Subcommittee]; SC --- Math[3-12 Math Content Subcommittee];
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2015-2016 Cycle Only

29 members each

Review public comments

Propose content recommendations

K-2 Content
Subcommittee

3-12 ELA
Content
Subcommittee

3-12 Math
Content
Subcommittee

Standards Committee

Louisiana academic content standards should be a living set of nationally recognized expectations designed to meet the ever-changing needs of our students, in order to ensure their success in postsecondary education and in the workplace. BESE policy provides for a regular review of standards to ensure that they meet these goals.

A standing Standards Committee will oversee the 2015-2016 review of English language arts and mathematics standards and will meet on an annual or as needed basis in subsequent years. This committee will oversee and coordinate the review process pursuant to BESE and legislative directives, monitor progress, ensure alignment across grade levels and subjects, and make final recommendations to BESE.

Given the technical nature of the work required to review content standards and to ensure that such reviews are rooted in quality instruction, at least half of this committee will be current Louisiana, district and school-based educators. Given their expertise, many of these members will also serve on one of three content subcommittees.

Standards Committee Nominees

Seat	Name	District/Organization	Current Role
K-2 Committee	Anne Smith*	Vernon	Curriculum Director
K-2 Committee	Aeneid Mason*	Zachary	Director of Special Education Services
K-2 Committee	Kim Shackelford*	Lincoln	Coordinator of State and Federal Program
ELA Committee	Regina Sanford*	St. Tammany	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
ELA Committee	Jawan Alexander*	New Orleans	Assistant Head of School
ELA Committee	Zanovia Curtis*	West Feliciana	District Instructional Coach
Math Committee	Charlotte Boothe*	Rapides	Middle School Curriculum Specialist
Math Committee	Tammy Hall*	Bossier	High School Teacher
Math Committee	Sheldon Jones	Richland	Superintendent
Louisiana Association of Educators	Suzette Riddle	Vermilion	Elementary Educator
Louisiana Federation of Teachers (LFT)	Steve Monaghan	LFT	President
A+PEL	Angelle Lailhengue	St. Bernard	Teacher
University (Math)	Frank Neubrandner*	Louisiana State University	Department of Mathematics
LA Assn of Teachers of Mathematics (LATM) & LA Council of Supervisors of Math (LCSM)	Penny Gennuso	Lafayette	K-12 Math and Science Academic Specialist
University (English)	Lisa Rougeou	Northwestern	Writing Project Director and Instructor
Louisiana Reading Association (LRA)	Debbie Rickards*	LRA	Retired Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator
Louisiana Early Childhood Association (LAECA)	Michelle Joubert	LAECA	President
Board of Regents (BOR)	Jeanne Burns	BOR	Associate Commissioner of Teacher and Leadership Initiatives
Louisiana Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	Chad Aucoin	PTA	St. Charles, PTA
Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO)	Dr. RaeNell Houston	BAEO	Parent
Urban League	Arielle McConduit	Urban League	Parent
Louisiana Association of Principals (LAP)	Dedra Bailey	St. Bernard	Principal
Louisiana Assn of School Supts (LASS)	Hollis Milton	West Feliciana	Superintendent
Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA)	Scott M. Richard	LSBA	Executive Director
Louisiana Assn of Public Charter Schools	Kathy Riedlinger	LAPCS	CEO, Lusher Charter School
Louisiana Assn of Business and Industry (LABI)	Keith Leger	LABI	Program Manager

2015-2016 Content Subcommittees

For the current review process (2015-2016), three content subcommittees will review each set of standards in depth.

- K-2 Content Subcommittee
- 3-12 ELA Content Subcommittee
- 3-12 Math Content Subcommittee

Each content subcommittee will propose a set of revised standards to the Standards Committee for consideration.

Seventy five percent of each content subcommittee will be current, district and school-based educators.

K-2 Content Subcommittee Nominees

Position	Name	District/Org	Role
K Educator	Michelle Abadie	St. Bernard	K-2 Teacher
K Educator	Karen Parrino	Livingston	K-2 Teacher
K Educator	Denean Trigs-Keys	St. Tammany	Literacy Coach K-3
K Educator	Jenny Kelly	St. John the Baptist	K-2 Teacher
K Educator	Misti Segura	East Baton Rouge	K-12 ELA Assessment Specialist
K Educator	Lacey Richey Fontenot	Calcasieu	K-2 Teacher
Grade 1 Educator	Travis Durling	Iberville	K-2 Teacher
Grade 1 Educator	Joan Rhodes	Richland	K-2 School-Based Coach
Grade 1 Educator	Crystal Legnon	Iberia	K-2 Teacher
Grade 1 Educator	Shawri Landry	Vermilion	Curriculum Facilitator
Grade 1 Educator	Fara Seal	Calcasieu	K-3 Teacher
Grade 1 Educator	Erica Yanner	Terrebonne	K-2 Teacher
Grade 2 Educator	Angelia Grabert	Jefferson Parish	K-2 Principal
Grade 2 Educator	Meredith Starks	Bossier	K-3 Teacher
Grade 2 Educator	Bridget Flanders	Desoto	K-2 Teacher
Grade 2 Educator	Angel Maxey	Rapides	K-2 Teacher
Grade 2 Educator	Brandie McNabb	Zachary	K-2 Teacher
Grade 2 Educator	Cindy Ourso	West Baton Rouge	Elementary Supervisor
K-2 District Staff	Ann Hardy	Vermilion	Elementary Supervisor
K-2 District Staff	Alesia Blanchard	Terrebonne	K-6 ELA Specialist
K-2 District Staff	Kim Shackelford*	Lincoln	Coordinator of State and Federal Programs
K-2 District Staff	Anne Smith*	Vernon	Curriculum Director
K-2 District Staff	Tricia Miller	Calcasieu	K-5 Curriculum Specialist
University	Mary Breaud	Nicholls State University	Early Elementary Expert
LA Early Childhood Assn.	Michelle Joubert*	LAECA	President
Elementary Special Educ.	Aeneid Mason*	Zachary	Director of Special Education Services
BESE Appointment	Darlene Hills	New Orleans	Assistant Head of School
BESE Appointment	Deborah Catherine Wiltse	Rapides	Elementary Teacher
BESE Appointment	Jan Benton	Livingston	Former Assistant Superintendent

3-12 ELA Content Subcommittee Nominees

Position	Name	District/Org	Role
3-5 Educator	Connie Hebert	Jefferson Davis	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Jasmine Hall	Lincoln	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Lindsey Parker	Desoto	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Christol Williams	Central	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Dennis Johnson	Concordia	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Zelda Smith	Orleans	Curriculum Specialist
6-8 Educator	Brittni Duhon	Iberia	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	Lori Pennison	Assumption	Middle School Principal
6-8 Educator	Stacy Gunter	Rapides	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	Nicolette Doughty	Caddo	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	April Horn	Lafourche	Middle School Curriculum Specialist
6-8 Educator	Spencer Arenaud	St. Landry	Middle Instructional Coach
High Educator	Lee Wall	Acadia	Middle School Principal
High Educator	Jamie Guillot	Lafourche	6-12 Coordinator
High Educator	Amy Brown	St. Charles	High School Teacher
High Educator	LaQuisha Comeaux	Baker	High School Teacher
High Educator	Misti Segura	East Baton Rouge	ELA Assessment Specialist
High Educator	Latoya Winston	Tensas	High School Teacher
ELA District Staff	Jawan Alexander*	New Orleans	Assistant Head of School
ELA District Staff	Zanovia Curtis*	West Feliciana	District Instructional Coach
ELA District Staff	Jill Foster	Tangipahoa	District Master Teacher
ELA District Staff	Regina Sanford*	St. Tammany	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
ELA District Staff	Laurie Carlton	Plaquemines	Secondary supervisor
University	Stan Barrerra	LA Assn of Colleges of Teacher Ed	Louisiana State University
Louisiana Reading Association (LRA)	Debbie Rickards*	LRA	Former Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator
Special Education	Demarious Poole	Livingston	Curriculum Coordinator, Special Education
BESE Appointment	Margo Guillot	St. Tammany	Retired Asst Supt of Curriculum and Instruction
BESE Appointment	Kelly Hobson	Caddo	4th Grade Teacher
BESE Appointment	Jasmine Porter	St. John	Master Teacher

3-12 Math Content Subcommittee Nominees

Position	Name	District/Org	Role
3-5 Educator	Cleveland Mouton, III	Monroe City	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Stephanie Smith	Franklin	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Janet Picou	Washington	K-5 Math Coach
3-5 Educator	Jodi Benoit	Lafayette	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Alnata Dione Bradford	Vernon	3-5 Teacher
3-5 Educator	Jada Singleton	Lafayette	Math Coach
6-8 Educator	Shelia Banks	Jefferson	District School Support Specialist
6-8 Educator	Debbie Evans	Caldwell	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	Tessi Jean-Batiste	St. Martin	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	Michael Brown	Pointe Coupee	6-8 Teacher
6-8 Educator	Jason Eric Smith	Jefferson	Curriculum Coordinator
6-8 Educator	Karin Lawless	Zachary	Supervisor Accountability, Math
High Educator	Tammy Hall*	Bossier	High School Teacher
High Educator	Ronda Lloyd	Franklin	High School Teacher
High Educator	Trayvonnia Duhe	New Orleans	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
High Educator	Renee Sears	Webster	High School Teacher
High Educator	Jessica Hungerford	Beauregard	High School Teacher
High Educator	LaDeisha George	Allen	High School Teacher
Math District Staff	Maribeth Holzer	Ouachita	Math Instructional Coach
Math District Staff	Stephen Zafirau	St. John	Math Curriculum Facilitator
Math District Staff	Serena White	Monroe City	K-12 Curriculum Supervisor
Math District Staff	Charlotte Boothe*	Rapides	Middle School Curriculum Specialist
Math District Staff	Dawn Henry	West Baton Rouge	Secondary Supervisor
University	Frank Neubrander*	Louisiana State University	Department of Mathematics
LA Assn of Teachers of Math (LATM) & LA Council of Supervisors of Math (LCSM)	Ellen Brupbacher Daugherty	LATM	LSU Laboratory School
Special Education	Allison Cupit	St. John	Principal
BESE Appointment	Deborah McCollum	St. Tammany	Former Principal
BESE Appointment	Brenda Quigley DeFelice	Calcasieu	High School Teacher
BESE Appointment	Shawna Dufrene	Calcasieu	3-5 Teacher

Review Process and Meeting Procedures

Review Process: Timeline Overview

Step	Date	Location
Public Comment Portal	June– August, 2015	Online
Standards Committee and Content Subcommittees <i>Organizational meeting</i>	Wednesday, August 19 th 9 am – 3 pm	Baton Rouge
Content Subcommittees <i>Produce first draft</i>	K-2: Tuesday, October 13 th ELA: Wednesday, October 14 th Math: Thursday, October 15 th All Meetings: 9 am – 3 pm	Shreveport Alexandria Crowley
Standards Committee <i>Review first draft and feedback</i>	Thursday, November 12 th 9 am – 1 pm	Covington
Content Subcommittees <i>Update if needed</i>	Thursday, December 3 rd 9 am – 3 pm	Meet only as needed <i>Locations repeated from above</i>
Standards Committee <i>Final draft and vote</i>	Tuesday, February 2 nd 9 am – 12 pm	New Orleans

Review Process: Public Comment

Step	Details
Public Comment <i>July-August, 2015</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards posted on the website for public comment• Parents, committee members, educators, and other citizens share their feedback on each individual standard, K-12, math and ELA• The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) summarizes public comments and shares a report with the committees to inform their review

Meeting Procedures

- **Public meetings:** All meetings will be advertised, will be open to the public, and will be held pursuant to the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.
- **Public comment at meetings:** Public comment will be received during each meeting and prior to any votes. Members of the public may also submit written comments for the record.
- **Content of public comment:** All public comment must relate to the review and development of standards, not other matters of policy.
- **Committee leadership:** Each committee and subcommittee will be facilitated by a chairman.
- **Voting:** Subcommittee members will work together to finalize any recommended revisions or additions to standards. Votes will then be taken as a slate, not by individual standard or edit, to move proposed standards forward to the committee and to BESE.
- **Voting proxies:** No proxies will be allowed for voting purposes. Participants must be in attendance to vote.
- **Legislative liaisons:** Appointed legislative liaisons will attend all meetings and report back to the Legislature.

Review Process: Details

Step	Details
Standards Committee and Content Subcommittee	Before the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants review the standards and alignment documents• Participants review public comments• Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and participant pre-work posted by August 10th
Organizational Meeting <i>Wednesday, August 19th</i> <i>9 am – 3 pm</i> <i>Baton Rouge</i>	During the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed standards review and SREB presentation summarizing public comment• Content subcommittees begin their review• Public comment taken mid-day (full group) and end of day (subcommittees)• At the end of the meeting, the Chair will task members representing each grade level to determine preliminary findings and proposed updates, and to prepare to share them at the next meeting After the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from meeting posted by Monday, August 24th• Content subcommittees draft updates by Friday, September 25th

Review Process: Details

Step	Details
Content Subcommittees <i>9 am – 3 pm</i> <i>K-2: Tuesday, October 13th</i> <i>Shreveport</i> <i>ELA: Wednesday, October</i> <i>14th Alexandria</i> <i>Math: Thursday, October</i> <i>15th Crowley</i>	Before the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content subcommittee members draft their findings by Friday, September 25th• Department content staff assembles findings, making no changes• Participants receive compiled findings by Friday, October 9th• Agenda, PowerPoint presentations, and participant pre-work posted by Monday, October 12th During the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full review of each individual standard, findings, and proposed updates (presentation and discussion from each grade level)• Check for alignment from K-2 to 3-12 content subcommittees• Subcommittees vote on standards for submission to Standards Committee After the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from meeting posted by Monday, October 19th• Department content staff send compiled updates to participants by October 21st• Department posts recommended updates online by October 21st• Participants finalize updates in writing (to be included for the standards committee) by October 28th

Review Process: Details

Step	Details
<p>Standards Committee</p> <p><i>Thursday, November 12th</i></p> <p><i>9 AM – 1 PM</i></p> <p><i>Covington</i></p>	<p>Before the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants review recommended updates to standards, consider grade band alignment, and receive any additional comments from subcommittee members and the public• Participants receive documents above by Wednesday, November 4th• Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and participant pre-work posted by Wednesday, November 4th <p>During the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full review of each subcommittee’s proposed updates (presentation by Chairs from each subcommittee)• Full review of alignment considerations between grade bands, reviewed individually and reconciled• Chair directs content subcommittees to review small revisions where required <p>After the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from meeting posted by Monday, November 16th• Content subcommittees notified by Friday, November 13th if they must convene

Review Process: Details

Step	Details
Content Subcommittee <i>Thursday, December 3rd</i> <i>Locations only as needed</i> <i>Alexandria – ELA</i> <i>Shreveport – K-2</i> <i>Crowley – Math</i>	Before the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content subcommittees notified by Friday, November 13th if they must convene at the directive of the Standards Committee• Participants review updates for consideration by Wednesday, November 18th• Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and participant pre-work posted by Wednesday, November 25th During the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full review of every Standards Committee update• Work to reconcile and propose final updates• Review alignment to other content subcommittees• Content subcommittees vote on standards for submission to Standards Committee After the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from meeting posted by Monday, December 7th• Content subcommittees send final updates by Wednesday, December 16th

Review Process: Details

Step	Details
<p>Standards Committee</p> <p><i>Tuesday, February 2nd</i></p> <p><i>9 AM – 1 PM</i></p> <p><i>New Orleans</i></p>	<p>Before the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants receive final copy of standards with updates highlighted by Wednesday, January 20th• Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and participant pre-work posted by Monday, January 25th <p>During the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full review of updates• Committee votes on final standards for submission to BESE <p>After the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from meeting posted by Friday, February 5th• Content subcommittees send draft updates by Friday, September 25th

Organizational Meeting Agenda

Standards Committee and Content Subcommittees:

9:00 – 9:30: Introductions, overview of BESE and Legislative expectations

9:30 – 10:00: Process and operations

10:00 – 11:00: Standards training (how they work, research, investigation)

11:00 – 11:30: Presentation summarizing public comments (SREB)

11:30 – 12:00: Public comment

Content Subcommittees:

12:30 – 1:30: Identify areas of focus and need (public comments, research, other states review, member observations)

1:30 – 2:30: Complete one full grade as a group for review (standard by standard)

2:30 – 3:00: Public comment

3:00 – 3:30: Process for drafting updates and assignments by grade level

3:30 – 3:45: Timeline and next steps