

Louisiana Believes

Standards Review Nominator Webinar

BESE Directives

In March, BESE called on the Department to present a plan to review Louisiana's English and math content standards. The plan continues the state's tradition of professional standards reviews, maintaining a Louisiana set of standards to continue on the path begun more than four years ago to raise student expectations and outcomes.

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

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.

Standards Committees and Participation

Ongoing 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

26 members each

Review public comments & test results

Propose content recommendations

K-2 Content
Subcommittee

3-12 ELA
Content
Subcommittee

3-12 Math
Content
Subcommittee

Nomination Timeline

Date	Event
Monday, April 20	Nominator Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, April 20th at 12:00 PM• Call information: 800-747-5150, Code 3423607• Webinar link:
Tuesday, April 21	Nomination form released
Friday, May 1	Target date for nomination forms due to LouisianaStandards@la.gov (no nominations will be accepted after May 8)
Wednesday, May 20	Tentative committee participants notified of status
Thursday, May 21	Tentative committee participant webinar
Monday, May 25	Proposed committee list posted on the Department's website
Saturday, June 6	Final committee proposals submitted to BESE
Tuesday, June 17	BESE votes on committee proposal
Wednesday, June 24	Committee members confirmed and sent logistics information

Nominee Criteria

Criteria for ALL nominees:

- Current Louisiana educator or, if not a current educator, significant past experience addressing the learning needs of Louisiana children
- Can meet all time commitments (see slide 8)
- Has agreed to the nomination

Nominee Criteria

Nominating Body	Number of Nominees	Qualifications
School Districts and Charter Management Organizations	7 Total Nominees from each LEA: - 4 school-based educators - 2 district-based educators - 1 special education expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educator nominees are current educators holding appropriate certifications • District nominees work in their content area of expertise • Special education nominee has taught special education for at least two years • Nominees must represent diverse grade bands • Nominees must represent math and English language arts expertise
LAE, LFT, A+PEL	4 total nominees from EACH organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one of the nominees must be a current, school-based educator
University Deans, LATM, LCSM, LRA, LAECA	4 total nominees from EACH organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current university faculty (for University deans) • Recognized as math, ELA, or early childhood content expert by peers
Board of Regents	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual familiar with academic expectations for freshmen entering Louisiana public post-secondary colleges and universities
Louisiana PTA, BAEO, Urban League	4 total nominees from EACH organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent of a current Louisiana public school student • Nominees represent multiple regions • ** At least 1 nominee has a student with special needs
LA Assn of Principals	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one nominee is a current Louisiana principal
LA Assn of School Superintendents	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one nominee is a current Louisiana superintendent
Louisiana School Boards Assn	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one nominee is a current member of a Louisiana school board
LA Assn of Public Charter Schools	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one nominee is a current Louisiana charter school principal or CMO leader
LABI	4 total nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisiana business and industry owner or association representative

Nominee Commitments

All nominees must be able to meet the following time commitments:

Content-subcommittee participation only

- **In-person meeting attendance:** 4 full days during the 2015-2016 school year; days as needed during the fall of the 2016-2017 school year (not to exceed two full days)
- **Independent work:** 2 hours per month from November 2015 to May 2016
- **Group virtual work:** Virtual meeting time to review and discuss updates as needed, not to exceed to 2 hours per month

Standards committee (steering committee)

- **In-person meeting attendance:** 4 full days during the 15-16 school year; 2 full days during the fall of the 16-17 school year
- **Independent work:** 2 hours per month from November 2015 to November 2016

A small number of nominees (12) will participate in both committees. Those nominees will have a significant time commitment.

Logistics – Committee Confirmation

After the Department receives nominations, Department staff will propose a committee list. While it is likely that not every single LEA will be represented, the Department will strive for regional and LEA diversity.

The Department will inform nominating organizations and candidates both that the individual is being nominated. This list will be posted May 25, contingent on candidates accepting their nomination. BESE will vote on all nominees June 17.

The Department will use the following criteria to build diverse committees from nominating lists:

- Each grade level K-12 in math and ELA represented
- Experts include early childhood, reading, mathematics, psychology, special education
- Representatives are diverse in gender, ethnicity and regional representation

Logistics – Costs

The Department will pay the following expenses:

- Mileage for anyone whose regular duties do not otherwise bring them to Baton Rouge (i.e. educators, parents)
- Lunch will be provided for all participants for day long meetings
- Meetings will not extend beyond a full day, thus overnight stays will not be necessary