



**Early Learning and Development
Standards (ELDS)
Review Committee Update**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of an update report regarding the Early Learning and Development Standards
- IV. Consideration of the Early Learning Development Standards referred in January 2023 by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)



I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call





III. Consideration of an update report regarding the Early Learning and Development Standards



**ELDS Review Committee:
Activities to Date**



Initial Presentation of the Revised ELDS

In April 2022, after a year-long review process, the Louisiana Early Learning and Development Standards Review Committee finalized their review and update of Bulletin 136 - Louisiana Early Learning and Development Standards.

In alignment with the review process timeline approved by BESE at the January 2021 meeting of the board, the endorsed standards were then placed in a public comment portal for one month.

The public portal was publicized through:

- LDOE Press Release
- LDOE Social Media
- The Early Childhood Newsletter
- The Weekly LDOE Newsletter
- The System Leaders Call
- Early Childhood Community Network Lead Agency Spring Collaboratives
- The April and May Provider Webinar Monthly Calls

Eighteen (18) comments were received related to some suggested changes to the literacy domain and general comments regarding wordsmithing suggestions.

ELDS Review Process Timeline

April 11 - May 9, 2022	Public comment/feedback process on proposed revisions began via the opening of the online portal
May 2022	Revisions were completed based on portal feedback received
May 2022	Proposed revisions were presented to the Superintendents' Advisory Council and ECCE Advisory Council
July 2022	ECCE Advisory Council endorsed the Bulletin 136 Revisions
August 2022	BESE approved the Bulletin 136 Revisions
October 20, 2022	The Notice of Intent was published in the <i>Louisiana Register</i> . Per the Louisiana Administrative Code, interested parties were able to request to the BESE Executive Director a public hearing regarding the agency Notice(s) of Intent, provided such a request is made within twenty days of publication of the Notice(s) of Intent in the <i>Louisiana Register</i> .
November 28, 2022	An ELDS Public Hearing was held due to BESE receiving 70 written comments, with 41 requesting that BESE provide a public hearing, within the 20 day timeframe of the Notice of Intent.

Public Hearing November 28, 2022

Summary of the comments received at the November 28, 2022, Public Hearing.

- Fifty-seven (57) individuals, excluding staff from BESE and the state Department of Education, signed in as attending the public hearing.
- Thirty-eight (38) individuals offered testimony.
- Thirty-one (31) supported accepting the revised standards.
- Five (5) opposed the revised standards.
- Two (2) selected to provide information only.
- An additional nineteen (19) individuals submitted comment cards in support of the adoption of the revised standards, but selected not to make public comments.

ELDS Review Process Timeline

December 20, 2022	BESE requested that the Department re-open the ELDS Public Comment Portal for 21 days
December 21, 2022 - January 10, 2023	The ELDS Public Comment Portal was reopened per BESE request

ELDS Public Comment Portal Re-Opens

The public comment portal was reopened from December 21- January 10.

- 562 comments were submitted to the portal,
- an additional 36 comments were submitted by email to earlychildhood@la.gov,
- the comments along with geographical data from the submissions were distributed to the BESE members,
- the BESE members requested the ELDS review committee to reconvene and review the public comments and make revisions to the ELDS as necessary.

ELDS Review Process Timeline

January 16, 2023	The House Education Committee of the Louisiana Legislature submitted an e-mail to BESE requesting that BESE reconsider the implementation of rules in Bulletin 136, Section 303 - Social and Emotional Development
January 17, 2023	Public comments received December 21-January 10 were submitted to BESE BESE requested the ELDS Review Committee to reconvene
February - March 2023	ELDS Review Committee to reconvene to review public comments and revise ELDS as needed
March 7, 2023	BESE to receive an updated report regarding the status of the review by the ELDS Review Committee
April 18, 2023	ELDS Review Committee scheduled to present ELDS Revisions to BESE



**BESE Charge for the
ELDS Review Committee**



BESE Charge

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
January 17, 2023 meeting

On motion of Mr. Melerine, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board:

- directed BESE staff to halt the submission to the February 2023 edition of the Louisiana Register of Bulletin 136, The Louisiana Standards for Early Childhood Care and Education Programs Serving Children Birth-Five Years, as Final Rule, as previously directed by the Board until further direction by the Board at the April 2023 Board meeting or sooner, if possible;
- directed the LDOE to return the standards, including all guidance documents, if available, to the Early Childhood Standards Review Committee; and
- provided an update report at the March 2023 AGII meeting regarding the status of the review by the standards review committee.



IV. Consideration of the Early Learning Development Standards referred in January 2023 by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)



ELDS Review Committee: Discussion of Public Comment





ELDS Review Committee: Upcoming Meetings



ELDS Review Committee Meetings

Date and Time	Location
February 8, 2023 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Thomas Jefferson A/B Room
March 2, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Thomas Jefferson A/B Room
March 15, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Louisiana Purchase Room