

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) met last Friday, March 4. A summary of board actions that directly impact the activities of local education agencies are listed below.

Any bulletin revisions, with the exception of emergency rules, must run in the Louisiana Register as a Notice of Intent for 90 days and complete the rulemaking process before becoming rule and appearing in the bulletins on the BESE website. For more information or questions on any of these policy changes, please contact [Ryan Gremillion](#).

Approval of the Louisiana K-12 Content Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math

[Louisiana Revised Statute 17:24.4](#) requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop state content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and secondary schools in Louisiana. [Act 329 of the 2015 Regular Session](#) provided for the review and development of state content standards for English language arts and mathematics. In response to Act 329, the Board convened a steering committee and three content subcommittees to review and develop the standards. Last week, the Board approved the Louisiana K-12 Content Standards for English language arts and math.

[Click here](#) for the Louisiana K-12 Content Standards for English Language Arts and [click here](#) for the Louisiana K-12 Content Standards for math. [Click here](#) to view a crosswalk showing current and proposed new English language arts standards. [Click here](#) to view a crosswalk showing current and proposed new mathematics standards.

Approval of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula for FY 2016-2017

The Board approved the FY 2015-2016 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula. This proposed formula will be considered in the upcoming regular legislative session. [Click here](#) to view the FY 2016-2017 MFP Formula.

Revisions to Bulletin 126, Charter Schools, relative to Type 2 charter school residency requirements

The Board approved revisions which require Type 2 charter schools to collect documents from families confirming the residency of their students and verifying the correct city or parish school district in which the student resides.

[Click here](#) to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*.

Revisions to Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators, relative to mathematics requirements for the TOPS University, Core 4, and Basic Diploma pathways

In response to [Senate Resolution 162 of the 2015 Regular Session](#), the Board approved revisions to bulletins to include AP Computer Science A as an Advanced Math class to align the TOPS University Diploma requirements with the TOPS core curriculum.

[Click here](#) to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, and [click here](#) to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*.

Revisions to Bulletin 111, The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System, relative to diplomas earned by students assessed on the Louisiana Alternate Assessment Level 1 (LAA 1)

Last week, the Board approved revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, to update language regarding the graduation index calculation to include high school diplomas earned through the pathway for students assessed on the LAA 1.

[Click here](#) to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*.

Approval of Allocations

The Board approved nine allocations of funding to local districts at last week's meeting including: Mathematics and Science Partnerships, Pre-kindergarten Expansion grants, and allocations for the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program.

[Click here](#) to view the list of allocations approved at last week's meeting.