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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
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School District Principals

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Public Comment on the Draft K–12 Learning Standards for Health and World Languages

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Learning standards define what all students need to know and be able to do at each grade level. As required by state law (RCW 28A.655.070), the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) develops and periodically revises the state's learning standards based on the goal for districts in the Basic Education Act (RCW 28A.150.210). This bulletin provides updated information to previous notifications regarding the learning standards revision process, most recently Bulletin No. 035-26. The goal of the revision project is to establish a regular and predictable review process, simplify standards for better understanding and alignment, and update content as needed. Since the initial creation of state learning standards in the 1990s, these updates reflect advances in research and technology, emerging content, and modern context.

The timeline for the review and revision cycle for all the Washington State K–12 Learning Standards is available on OSPI's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON K–12 LEARNING STANDARDS FOR HEALTH

The latest draft of the Washington State K–12 Learning Standards for Health (WA Health 2026) will be available for public comment from November 19, 2026–January 17, 2027. Public comment will be available through an online survey. Please share the survey link with educators and communities. The survey link is available on the Washington State Learning Standards Review webpage.

Documents for public comment regarding the learning standards for health are available on the Washington State Learning Standards Review webpage:

- An Excel workbook with the draft K–12 Learning Standards for Health with a crosswalk to the previous standards.
- A document with the draft K–12 Learning Standards for Health in grade band order, available as a Word document and as a PDF.
- A brief handout with the overarching changes in the standards, *Summary of Changes to Standards for Health*.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON K–12 LEARNING STANDARDS FOR WORLD LANGUAGES

The latest draft of the Washington State K–12 Learning Standards for World Languages (WA WL 2026) will be available for public comment from November 19, 2026–January 17, 2027. Public comments will be available through an online survey. Please share the survey link with educators and communities. The survey link is available on the Washington State Learning Standards Review webpage.

Documents for public comment regarding the learning standards for world languages are available on the Washington State Learning Standards Review webpage:

- A document explaining the draft K–12 Learning Standards for World Languages and the connections to the previous standards, *Crosswalk for World Languages*.
- A document with the draft K–12 Learning Standards for World Languages in grade band order, available as a Word document and as a PDF.
- A brief handout with the overarching changes in the standards, *Summary of Changes to Standards for World Languages*.

For additional information about updates to the Learning Standards Project, including timelines and opportunities for educator feedback, please visit the Learning Standards Review webpage.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Angela Allen, Executive Director of Educator Effectiveness, at 564-233-9627, or Kara Todd, Special Projects, and Assessment Coordinator, at 360-725-4979, or email standards.review@k12.wa.us. The OSPI Telecommunication Relay Services number is 711 or 1-800-833-6384.

This bulletin is also available on the Bulletins page of the OSPI website.

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