Learning Standards Review and Revision Cycle

Timeline Description

English Language Arts Standards began the review and revision process in 2024. Engagement with partners and revision was in 2025 with Initial adoption happening in 2026. Standards were formally adopted in 2026 with full implementation in schools in the 27-28 school year. Updates to the state assessment will be no sooner than Spring of 2030.

Mathematics Standards began the review and revision process in 2024. Engagement with partners and revision was in 2025 along with the initial adoption of the standards. Standards were formally adopted in 2026 with full implementation in schools in the 27-28 school year. Updates to the state assessment will be no sooner than Spring of 2029.

Financial Education Standards began the review and revision process in 2024. Engagement with partners and revision was in 2025 with Initial adoption happening in 2026. Standards will be finally adopted in 2026 with full implementation in schools in the 28-29 school year.

Science began the review and revision process in 2024. Engagement with partners and revision happens in 2025 and 2026 with initial adoption happening in 2026. Standards will be finally adopted in 2027 with full implementation in schools in the 28-29 school year. Updates to the state assessment for science will be no sooner than Spring of 2031.

World Languages, Health and Physical Education Standards began the review and revision process in 2025. Engagement with partners and revision happens in 2025 and 2026 with initial adoption happening in 2027. Standards will be finally adopted in 2027 with full implementation in schools in the 29-30 school year.

Social Studies, Computer Science, and Educational Technology Standards began the review and revision process in 2026. Engagement with partners and revision happens in 2026 and 2027 with initial adoption happening in 2028. Standards will be finally adopted in 2028 with full implementation in schools in the 30-31 school year.

Arts Standards begin the review and revision process in 2029. Engagement with partners and revision happens in 2029 and 2030 with initial adoption happening in 2030. Standards will be finally adopted in 2031 with full implementation in schools in the 32-33 school year.

Stage Descriptions

Standards Under Review: OSPI initiates the process to review standards, which includes research, synthesis, and drafting of revisions. This work occurs in collaboration with educators and partners, with modifications incorporated into drafted standards.

Engagement and Revision: Input is collected on draft standards through work groups, focus groups, and statewide public comment. Students, educators, administrators, specialists, families, and professional organizations are engaged and provide critical feedback. Revision occurs as appropriate. Engagement includes screening standards for biased content and informing the development of supporting materials for implementation.

Initial Adoption and Implementation: The revised state standards are initially adopted, allowing districts to begin implementation efforts while providing additional opportunity for feedback and revision directly from district and classroom use. Feedback will be used to inform state and local professional learning plans.

Professional Learning, Transition and Support: Support and resources are provided to schools and educators to help with the implementation of the revised standards. This includes professional learning, guidance and technical assistance, and ongoing support to ensure a successful transition.

Final Adoption: Revised learning standards are adopted and become finalized as the Washington State Learning Standards, reflecting any final modifications based upon feedback from districts.

Full Implementation in Schools: Revised standards should be taught and assessed in all classrooms for all students. Curriculum committees adopt materials that are aligned to revised standards.

Statewide Summative Assessment: Statewide student assessments used for state or federal accountability purposes are fully aligned to revised standards.

Next Review Begins: OSPI initiates the process to review standards and consider any revisions.