

**State Board of Education**  
**2013 REVISED WYOMING CONTENT & PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

**Joint Education Interim Committee Report**  
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**Authority**

W.S. 21-9-101, 21-9-102, and 21-2-304(c)

**History**

Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 21-2-304(a)(iii), the Wyoming State Board of Education must prescribe uniform student content and performance standards for the common core of knowledge specified by Wyo. Stat. § 21-9-101(b)(i). The common core of knowledge includes reading/language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, fine and performing arts, physical education, health and safety, humanities, career/vocational education, foreign cultures and languages, applied technology, and government and civics.

In 2012, the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards were reviewed in the following content areas: Foreign Language and Fine & Performing Arts. These revisions were approved by the State Board of Education and signed into law on November 6, 2013.

In 2013, the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards were reviewed in the following content areas: Career & Vocational Education, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Science. To date, these revisions have not been voted on by the State Board of Education. Therefore, we are still operating under the 2008 state standards for these four content areas.

**Actions**

**Wyoming Standards: Foreign Language and Fine & Performing Arts**

- On May 23, 2013, the State Board of Education approved the revisions to the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards for the following content areas: Foreign Language and Fine & Performing Arts.
- Public Comment Period for the revised standards took place from June 13, 2013 until July 28, 2013.
- Governor Mead signed revisions to these standards (via Chapter 10 Rules) into law on November 6, 2013.

**Wyoming Standards: Career/Voc Ed, Social Studies, P.E., and Science**

- The Wyoming content review committees for Career & Vocational Education, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Science came together and prepared the 2013 Revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards for their respective areas.

- On October 8, 2013, the WDE presented the 2013 Revised Wyoming Content and Performance Standards for these content areas. The State Board of Education requested additional time to review the revisions.
- On November 5, 2013, the State Board of Education decided to postpone the vote to approve the revised standards and requested the WDE Standards Team to do the following:
  1. Create a crosswalk document between the revised standards and the current (2008) standards
  2. Analyze the impact of the revised standards on teaching and student assessment
  3. Create an implementation plan based on the information learned in #2 above
  4. Create a communication plan to inform the public of these revised standards

### **Financial**

No funds were appropriated by the state legislature for the revision of the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards.

### **Results**

New standards were adopted in the following content areas: Foreign Language and Fine & Performing Arts. Chapter 10 Rules were updated to reflect the date of adoption and the timeline for district implementation for the aforementioned standards. Also as a result of this adoption, the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards were separated from High School Graduation Requirements (Chapter 31) and now appear in their own chapter (Chapter 10).

### **Recommendations**

There are no recommendations at this time.