

# Academic Standards Revision Process



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## CDE seeks public opinion of the Colorado Academic Standards

Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K) requires a review and revision of the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) by July 2018 and every six years thereafter. To kick off its planning for the process, the Colorado Department of Education is inviting educators, educational leaders, parents, students and the general public to share their perceptions of the standards through an online public opinion survey. The survey is available through Nov. 13 and the results will be shared publicly as the department launches the review process in early 2017. To participate, visit the standards revision page on the CDE website at [www.cde.state.co.us/apps/costandardsreview/](http://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/costandardsreview/) and click on [Take the Survey](#).

## Online tool will gather feedback on each expectation

In addition to the survey to gather general perceptions, CDE will launch an online feedback system in mid-November that will enable all Coloradoans to provide specific feedback on every expectation within the Colorado Academic Standards. To provide feedback on specific expectations within the standards, click on Provide Your Feedback on the CDE website at [www.cde.state.co.us/apps/costandardsreview/](http://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/costandardsreview/).

## Details on standards revision process to come in early 2017

Based on the input received through the survey and online feedback tool, CDE will provide comprehensive information in early 2017 about the timeline and phases of the standards review and revision process as well as information about how to participate. For more information about the review process, click here: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview>.

## Background

Created by Coloradans for Colorado students, the Colorado Academic Standards provide a grade-by-grade road map to help ensure students are successful in college, careers and life. The CAS were first adopted by the State Board of Education in 2009 and 2010, after a two-year development process required by Senate Bill 08-212, or CAP4K. To ensure the CAS are the best they can be for Colorado's students to prepare them for college and career, CAP4K requires a review and revision every six years. The first review and revision cycle is set to conclude on or before July 1, 2018.

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success are the state assessments aligned to the CAS in social studies, science, math and reading, writing and communicating. Given at the end of each year in grades three through nine, the assessments are designed to show students, parents and educators if students have mastered the standards and are on track to be college and career ready upon graduation from high school.

## What are the Colorado Academic Standards?

The Colorado Academic Standards provide a set of shared expectations for preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students across Colorado in the following 10 content areas as well as English Language Proficiency.

- comprehensive health and physical education
- dance
- drama and theater arts
- mathematics\*
- music
- reading, writing and communicating\*
- science
- social studies
- visual arts
- world languages

\*Colorado's standards for mathematics and reading, writing, and communicating incorporate the Common Core State Standards.

## For more information about the standards:

Visit:

[www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/standardsresourcesk12](http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/standardsresourcesk12)

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