

# REVIEW AND REVISION PLAN



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

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 standards 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.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE REVIEW AND REVISION PROCESS

The following Principles define the values of the State Board of Education which in turn will guide the department as it facilitates the standards review and revision process.

The standards review and revision process will be:

- **Transparent:** Decisions and processes for the standards review and revision will be public.
- **Inclusive:** The review process will include substantial and frequent opportunities for the public to weigh in.
- **Research-informed:** Recommendations will be based on research.
- **Consistent:** The review and revision process will be consistent with state law and past standards reviews.
- **Substantive:** The review and revision will focus on the substance of the actual standards.
- **Improvement-oriented:** The focus will be to improve what exists today rather than start from scratch.

## PRINCIPLES FOR DESIGN AND CONTENT

- **Be Aligned:** The Colorado Academic Standards will align with the legislative requirements articulated within Senate Bill 08-212, Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K).
  1. Alignment with the postsecondary workforce readiness description and career and technical education standards,
  2. Comparability with the highest national and international standards, and
  3. Development of a range of skills critical to preparing students for the twenty-first-century workforce and for active citizenship.
- **Describe Learning Expectations for All Students:** The Colorado Academic Standards will define what all graduates of Colorado's schools should know, understand and be able to do. The learning expectations will be necessary for all students but only sufficient for some. That is, the standards will describe the floor not the ceiling for student learning.
- **Lead to Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness:** The Colorado Academic Standards will provide a grade-by-grade road map to help ensure students are successful in college, careers and life.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Colorado Academic Standards form the foundation of Colorado's public education system by defining what every graduate of a public school in Colorado should know, understand and be able to do. Getting the standards right relies on the participation of all those with a stake in the quality of education Colorado students receive.



## STANDARDS REVIEW AND REVISION TIMELINE

The proposed standards review and revision process includes six phases: (1) planning, (2) research and resource development, (3) standards review and revision, (4) revision approval, (5) district transition, and (6) implementation.

