
Fire Management Services Course Standards

The Background:

State Board of Education rule 0520-01-03-.05(1) requires the Board to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

This final reading item presents changes to approved course standards in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security career cluster. This item includes new and revised courses within this career cluster that are now better aligned with postsecondary pathways (Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education/FESHE standards), incorporate added instructional rigor, and reflect the competitive employment demands and training specifications of fire management services in our state.

Courses included in this item:

Principles of Fire and Emergency Services	Revisions to course standards
Fire Prevention	New course
Fire Science I	Revisions to course standards
Fire Science II	Revisions to course standards

Since first reading of the standards included in this item, the department has accepted feedback from Tennessee educators, CTE Directors, postsecondary partners, and industry experts via CTE.Questions@tn.gov and through individual communications. Based on that feedback, the following changes have been made to the item since first reading:

- Made minor grammatical and formatting edits, in addition to small changes in language recommended by reviewers to enhance clarity and add examples and details.
- Rearranged standards in Fire Science 1 to better fit incident command systems content.
- Moved standards from Fire Science 1 to Fire Prevention and Principles of Fire and Emergency Services to address this introductory content in prerequisite courses.
- Removed duplicative standard from Fire Science 1 to allow for focus on higher level knowledge and skill attainment. The content covered by this standard is addressed in Principles of Fire and Emergency Services, which is a prerequisite for Fire Science I.

Moved standards concerning hazardous materials to Fire Science II to reflect higher level knowledge and skills obtained in a fourth level course and to prepare students for industry certification upon course completion.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.