
Technical Revisions to Tennessee Social Studies Standards

The Background:

In October 2014, Governor Haslam announced the creation of a standards review website that would be open to the public to review and offer feedback on what Tennessee students should know and be able to do by the end of each K-12 school year in both mathematics and English language arts (ELA). At the time of that announcement, Governor Haslam also laid out a comprehensive standards review process. This process was further expounded upon by the 109th Tennessee General Assembly in Pub. Ch. 423, which charged the State Board of Education with overseeing not only the review of math and ELA standards but also science and social studies standards.

State Board Standards Review Policy 3.209 requires that the Board review all sets of academic standards at a minimum of every six (6) years. The current social studies standards were adopted by the State Board in 2017 and were implemented during the 2019-20 school year.

Based on feedback from current Tennessee educators as well as the State Board's own review of the standards, several minor technical revisions were identified to clarify the language in specific standards. These technical revisions do not constitute substantive changes to the social studies standards and will not affect the timing of the next social studies standards review in 2023.

Technical revisions were made to the following standards for first reading:

- K.17
- K.20
- 1.08
- 1.26
- 4.24
- 4.25
- 5.45
- 8.23
- 8.25
- 8.28
- 8.73

There have been no changes since first reading.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.