Tennessee Academic Standards: State Board General Review Process & Timeline

Each English Language Arts (ELA), math, science, and social studies standards review process follows the same almost two-year rigorous, legislatively mandated process to promote collaboration and transparency. For more information, see the Standards Review webpage resources or email TNStandards.Review@tn.gov.

First Public Feedback Survey (Summer Year 1)

- Opportunity to provide input on the existing standards and inform the work of the Educator Advisory Teams (EAT) and Standards Recommendation Committee (SRC)
- Open to any TN resident to participate

Educator Advisory Team (EAT) (Fall Year 1)

- 3 committees based on grade bands (i.e., K-5, 6-8, & 9-12) with 6 current TN K-12 educators & 1 higher education professional per committee
- Reviews current standards based public feedback and personal expertise
- Open to the public to attend

Standards Development Committee (SDC) (Fall Year 1)

- Subset of EAT members with 6 current TN K-12 Educators & 2 higher education professionals total
- Reviews EAT proposed standards for consistency across grade bands & continues to refine and edit
- Open to the public to attend

Second Public Feedback Survey (Winter/Spring Year 2)

- Opportunity to provide input on the proposed standards and inform the work of the Standards Recommendation Committee (SRC)
- Open to any TN resident to participate

Standards Recommendation Committee (SRC) (Summer Year 2)

- 10 members appointed by the Governor (4), Lt. Governor (3), and Speaker of the House (3)
- Reviews SDC proposed standards and both public feedback rounds to create final draft standards
- Open to the public to attend

State Board of Education (SBE) (Fall Year 2/Winter Year 3)

- Reviews SRC proposed standards at two separate meetings (i.e., first & final readings)
- Submits proposed standards to House and Senate Ed Committees no less than 60 days before final reading
- Adopts, rejects, or makes technical nonsubstantive revisions to SRC proposed standards