



## Tennessee Academic Standards: State Board Review History

Tennessee’s academic standards shine today as an example for the rest of the nation. Under the direction of former Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee General Assembly, the State Board implemented one of the country's most transparent and rigorous standards review processes to promote high-quality standards. This effort continues thanks to ongoing financial support from the Tennessee General Assembly. Tennessee’s standards review process has received hundreds of thousands of comments from Tennesseans, including families, teachers, leaders, and other residents. For more information, see the [Standards Review](#) webpage resources or email [TNStandards.Review@tn.gov](mailto:TNStandards.Review@tn.gov).

Date	Event
2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Bill Haslam and the General Assembly, outlined in Public Chapter 423 of 2015, established a <a href="#">process to review English language arts (ELA) and math standards</a> as the state transitioned away from Common Core State Standards.</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Board facilitated the first standards review process for <a href="#">ELA and math</a> codified in T.C.A. § 49-1-311-312 and outlined in the Standards Review Process document on the <a href="#">Standards Review</a> webpage.</li> <li>• The State Board facilitated the first <b>science</b> and <b>social studies</b> standards review processes.</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Board approved <b>ELA and math</b> standards revisions on final reading.</li> <li>• The State Board approved <b>science</b> standards revisions on final reading.</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Board approved <b>social studies</b> standards revisions on final reading.</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Board continues the standards review cycle of all TCAP-tested subjects, beginning with <b>ELA</b> in 2018, outlined in the Standards Review Cycles document on the <a href="#">Standards Review</a> webpage.</li> </ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Thomas B. Fordham Institute recognized Tennessee’s civics and U.S. History academic standards</a> as some of the best in the country. Their assessment reviewed standards for quality, rigor, clarity, and organization.</li> </ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Public Chapter 192 (HB0896/SB0421)</a> directed the State Board to shift standards review from six- to eight-year cycles to allow adequate time to review and revise standards and conduct the full review cycle, including adopting state and local textbooks and instructional materials. This update is included in the Standards Review Cycles document on the <a href="#">Standards Review</a> webpage.</li> </ul>