

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Sections 122(b) and 14 Delaware Code, Chapter 16
(14 **Del.C.** §122(b) & 14 **Del. C.** Ch. 16))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 501

FINAL

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

501 State Content Standards

I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards. The amended regulation is part of the 5 year review process and provides for the ability of the Department with the consent of the State Board of Education to develop the state content standards. Section 1.13 is being amended by replacing the statement "the Guidelines for the Selection of Instructional Materials" with 14 **DE Admin. Code** 502 Alignment of Local School District Curricula to the State Content Standards and 14 **DE Admin. Code** 503 Instructional Program Requirements in regard to instructional materials and curricula content being kept current and consistent. In addition, "Skilled and Technical Sciences Content Standards" was added as one of the areas where there is a content standards document developed.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the *News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* on Thursday, June 4, 2009, in the form hereto attached as Exhibit "A". Comments were received from the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens and the State Council for Persons with Disabilities endorsing the changes.

II. Findings of Facts

The Secretary finds that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards in order to be in compliance with the 5 year review process and to reflect the current process of ensuring instructional materials and curricula material are kept current.

III. Decision to Amend the Regulation

For the foregoing reasons, the Secretary concludes that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122, 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. Text and Citation

The text of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards amended hereby shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards in the Administrative Code of Regulations for the Department of Education.

V. Effective Date of Order

The actions hereinabove referred to were taken by the Secretary pursuant to 14 Del.C. §122 on July 16, 2009. The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the *Delaware Register of Regulations*.

IT IS SO ORDERED the 16th day of July 2009.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Lillian M. Lowery, Ed. D., Secretary of Education

Approved this 16th day of July 2009

State Board of Education

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501 State Content Standards

1.0 Instructional Programs

1.1 Instructional programs offered in the public schools of Delaware shall be in alignment with the appropriate content standards documents. These documents are: English Language Arts Curriculum Framework, Mathematics Curriculum Framework, Science Curriculum Framework, Social Studies Curriculum Framework, Health Education Curriculum Framework and Assessment, Physical Education Content Standards, Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards, Agriscience Curriculum Framework Content Standards, Business Finance and Marketing Education Curriculum Framework Content Standards, World Language Curriculum Framework Content Standards, Technology Education Curriculum Framework Content Standards, Skilled and Technical Sciences Content Standards and the Family and Consumer Sciences Content Standards.

- 1.1.1 The content standards documents may from time to time hereafter be amended with the approval of the Secretary and the State Board of Education.
- 1.1.2 Integration of the content standards shall be provided for within and across the curricula.
- 1.1.3 Instructional materials and curricula content shall be kept current and consistent with ~~the Guidelines for the Selection of Instructional Materials~~ provisions of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 502 Alignment of Local School District Curricula to the State Content Standards and 14 **DE Admin. Code** 503 Instructional Program Requirements.

1 DE Reg. 153 (8/1/97)

1 DE Reg. 729 (12/1/97)

4 DE Reg. 343 (8/1/00)

4 DE Reg. 850 (10/1/00)

4 DE Reg. 853 (11/1/00)

5 DE Reg. 865 (10/1/01)

8 DE Reg. 445 (9/1/04)

13 DE Reg. 256 (08/01/09) (Final)