

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(a) and (b)(6) (14 **Del.C.** §122(a) & (b)(6))  
14 **DE Admin. Code** 501

### FINAL

#### REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

##### 501 State Content Standards

#### I. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION SUBMITTED

Pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122(a) and (b)(6), the Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards. This regulation is being amended to add language related to the new Media Literacy Content Standards and Driver Education Content Standards.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the *Delaware Register of Regulations* on November 1, 2023. The Department of Education did not receive any written comments concerning the proposed amendments.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Secretary finds that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 501 State Content Standards. This regulation is being amended to add language related to the new Media Literacy Content Standards and Driver Education Content Standards.

#### 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 "A"* 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 "A"*, 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 December 14, 2023. 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

#### Department of Education

Mark A. Holodick, Ed.D., Secretary of Education

Approved this 14th day of December 2023

#### State Board of Education

/s/ Shawn Brittingham, President

/s/ Wali W. Rushdan, II

/s/ Deborah Stevens, Vice President

/s/ Candice Fifer

Rev. Provey Powell, Jr. (Absent)

\*Please note: Electronic signatures ("/s/") were accepted pursuant to 6 Del.C. §12A-107(d).

## 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 Content Standards, Mathematics Content Standards, Science Content Standards, Social Studies Content Standards, Health Education and Assessment Content Standards, Physical Education Content Standards, Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards, Agriscience Content Standards, Business Finance and Marketing Education Content Standards, World Language Content Standards, ~~Technology Education Content Standards, Skilled and Technical Sciences Content Standards, Family and Consumer Sciences Content Standards,~~ State-approved CTE Programs of Study Content Standards, Computer Science Content Standards and Standards, Financial Literacy Content Standards, Media Literacy Content Standards, and Driver Education 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. For purposes of this regulation, "adopted" shall mean to accept a set of standards as the basis for curriculum and assessment alignment across the state according to a timeline established and disseminated by the Department of Education.
- 1.1.1.1 Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, Delaware Content Standards in English language arts and mathematics shall be comprised of the Common Core Standards developed in partnership with the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers.
- 1.1.1.2 Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) developed in partnership with ~~twenty-six (26)~~ 26 states, including Delaware, shall be adopted as the Delaware Content Standards in science. ~~For purposes of this subsection, "adopted" shall mean to accept a set of standards as the basis for curriculum and assessment alignment across the state according to a timeline established and disseminated by the Department of Education.~~
- 1.1.1.3 Effective with the 2018-19 school year, the Financial Literacy Content Standards shall be adopted. ~~For purposes of this subsection, "adopted" means to accept a set of standards as the basis for curriculum across the state according to a timeline established and disseminated by the Department of Education.~~
- 1.1.1.4 Effective with the 2018-19 school year, the Computer Science Content Standards shall be adopted. ~~For purposes of this subsection, "adopted" means to accept a set of standards as the basis for curriculum across the state according to a timeline established and disseminated by the Department of Education.~~
- 1.1.1.5 Effective with the 2023-2024 school year, the Media Literacy Content Standards shall be adopted.
- 1.1.1.6 Effective with the 2023-2024 school year, the Driver Education Content Standards shall be adopted.
- 1.1.2 Integration of the content standards shall be provided for within and across ~~the~~ academic and technical curricula.
- 1.1.3 Instructional materials and curricula content shall be kept current and consistent with 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 (08/01/97)**  
**1 DE Reg. 729 (12/01/97)**  
**4 DE Reg. 343 (08/01/00)**  
**4 DE Reg. 850 (10/01/00)**  
**4 DE Reg. 853 (11/01/00)**  
**5 DE Reg. 865 (10/01/01)**  
**8 DE Reg. 445 (09/01/04)**  
**13 DE Reg. 256 (08/01/09)**  
**14 DE Reg. 167 (09/01/10)**  
**17 DE Reg. 423 (10/01/13)**  
**21 DE Reg. 625 (02/01/18)**  
**27 DE Reg. 516 (01/01/24) (Final)**