

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(b) (14 Del.C. §122(b))  
14 DE Admin. Code 501

### PROPOSED

#### 501 State Content Standards

#### Education Impact Analysis Pursuant To 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)

##### A. Type of Regulatory Action Required

Amendment to Existing Regulation

##### B. Synopsis of Subject Matter of the Regulation

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education or intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 501 State Content Standards to reflect the State's adoption of the Common Core Standards in English language arts and mathematics. The Common Core Standards were developed in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). State stakeholders participated in the review of the standards.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on or before August 3, 2010 to Susan Haberstroh, Education Associate, Regulation Review, Department of Education, at 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901. A copy of this regulation is available from the above address or may be viewed at the Department of Education business office.

##### C. Impact Criteria

1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The amended regulation reflects changes to the English language arts and mathematics standards as developed in partnership with the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation is intended to ensure all students receive an equitable education.

3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' health and safety are adequately protected? The amended regulation is related to content standards and does not impact the health and safety of students.

4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation is related to content standards and should continue to ensure all students' legal rights are respected as related to content standards.

5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision making at the local board and school level? The amended regulation does not affect the authority or flexibility of decision making at the local board and school levels.

6. Will the amended regulation place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels? The amended regulation does not place any unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels.

7. Will the decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The decision making authority and accountability for addressing content standards does not change by the amendments to this regulation.

8. Will the amended regulation be consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts and social studies? The amended regulation is consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies.

9. Is there a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the regulation? There is not a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the regulation.

10. What is the cost to the State and to the local school boards of compliance with the regulation? Any additional costs for the implementation of the revised content standards have been addressed through available funds.

## 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.

1.1.1.1 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.

1.1.2 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 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 (8/1/09)**

14 **DE Reg. 6 (07/01/10) (Prop.)**