

# 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

### PROPOSED

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Educational Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §122(d)

#### 501 State Content Standards

#### A. TYPE OF REGULATORY ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to Existing Regulation

#### B. SYNOPSIS OF SUBJECT MATTER OF THE REGULATION

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.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by submitting them to the Department of Education, Office of the Secretary, Attn: Regulation Review, 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901 or through the Department's online submission form at <https://education.delaware.gov/community/governance/regulations-code/post-a-comment/> by the close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on or before December 1, 2023. Any person who wishes to receive a copy of the proposed regulation may obtain a copy from the Department at the Office of the Secretary on the second floor of the Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware.

#### C. IMPACT CRITERIA

1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The amended regulation helps to improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards by ensuring alignment with state content standards.

2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation will help 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 does not address students' health and safety.

4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation continues to help ensure that all students' legal rights are respected.

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 change the decision making at the local board and school level.

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 on decision makers.

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

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 no less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the amended regulation.

10. What is the cost to the State and to the local school boards of compliance with the regulation? There are no material costs to implementing this amended regulation.

#### 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. 294 (11/01/23) (Prop.)**