

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and grant approval for the Department of Education to proceed with the revision process for the Foreign Language Standards of Learning.

Impact on Resources:

The Department of Education administers the state standards review process. The agency's existing resources can absorb this responsibility at this time.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Upon approval, the Department of Education will provide information to all interested parties according to the attached timeline.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF
THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE STANDARDS OF LEARNING**

- February 2006** A Superintendent's Memorandum is distributed that:
- announces the schedule of the review process;
 - announces the availability of a Standards of Learning review/comment page on the Department of Education Web site;
 - requests that division superintendents share information about the Web site with instructional staff; and
 - requests that division superintendents submit nominations for review team members.
- The Department of Education posts on its Web site a Standards of Learning review/comment page for the 2000 Foreign Language Standards of Learning. The page will be active for 30 days.
- April 2006** The Department of Education aggregates and conducts a preliminary analysis of the comments entered on the Web page.
- July-August 2006** The Standards of Learning review team meets for two days to:
- analyze statewide Web page input;
 - review national documents and reports as necessary; and
 - make recommendations for potential changes.
- August 2006** The Department of Education prepares the review team's comments in a draft.
- September 2006** The Department of Education and the steering committee (a subgroup of the review team) meet to discuss and review the draft Foreign Language Standards of Learning for first review by the Board of Education.
- October 2006** The Department of Education presents the draft document to the board for first review.
- November 2006** The proposed Standards of Learning document is distributed for public comment. The document is placed on the Virginia Department of Education Web site for review.
- January 2007** Public hearings are held as prescribed by the Board of Education.
- February 2007** The Superintendent of Public Instruction presents the proposed Foreign Language Standards of Learning to the Board of Education for final review and adoption. The final document is posted on the Department of Education Web site within three weeks of adoption.
- April 2007** Printed copies of the approved Foreign Language Standards of Learning are distributed to 6-12 schools and local school division central offices.