

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: F.

Date: February 23, 2012

Title	First Review of Timeline for the Review and Approval of the Revised <i>Fine Arts Standards of Learning</i>		
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Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Action Requested:

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

X	Goal 1: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 2: Accountability of Student Learning
	Goal 3: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 4: Strong Literacy and Mathematics Skills
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Teachers and Administrators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Goal 1: the Board of Education's comprehensive plan calls for a review of all Standards of Learning on a regular schedule.

The *Code of Virginia* also requires a review of Virginia's Standards of Learning every seven years.

Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-253.13:1-2 By October 1, 2000, the Board of Education shall establish a regular schedule, in a manner it deems appropriate, for the review, and revision as may be necessary of the Standards of Learning in all subject areas. Such review of each subject area shall occur at least once every seven years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Board from conducting such review and revision on a more frequent basis.

The *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* were adopted in 2006 and are scheduled for review in 2012-2013. The standards in dance arts, music, theatre arts, and visual arts may be viewed online at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/index.shtml.

Summary of Important Issues:

Using an established review process and criteria, the Department of Education plans a review of the current Standards of Learning for Fine Arts according to the attached timeline. The review team will consider the revised national fine arts standards and other relevant reports and documents to inform its review.

Impact on Fiscal and Human 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 timeline in Attachment A.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the timeline for the review of the *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* in a time frame consistent with the requirements of the *Code of Virginia* and the Board's comprehensive plan.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF
THE *FINE ARTS STANDARDS OF LEARNING*
2012-2013**

- February 25, 2012** 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; and requests that division superintendents share information about the Web site with instructional staff and submit nominations for review team members.
- The Department of Education posts on its Web site a Standards of Learning review/comment page for the 2006 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*. The page will be active for 30 days.
- April-May 2012** The Department of Education aggregates and conducts a preliminary analysis of the comments entered on the Web page.
- July-August 2012** Each *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* discipline review team meets for three days to:
- analyze statewide Web page input;
 - review national documents and reports as necessary; and
 - make recommendations for potential changes.
- October 2012** The *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* review team meets for one day to review available drafts of the 2012 *National Fine Arts Standards* to make recommendations for potential revisions to the *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* draft document.
- November 2012-
January 2013** The Department of Education staff prepares a draft of the proposed *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* that reflects team's comments.
- The draft of the proposed *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* is made available to fine arts educators in Virginia, institutions of higher education, and professional organizations that focus on fine arts education for review and comment.
- February 2013** The Department of Education and the steering committee, a subgroup of the review team, meet to discuss and review the draft *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* for first review by the Board of Education.
- April 2013** The Department of Education presents the draft document to the Board for first review.
- May 2013** 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. One or more public hearings are held as prescribed by the Board of Education.

July 2013

The Superintendent of Public Instruction presents the proposed *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* to the Board of Education for final review and adoption. The final document is posted on the Department of Education's Web site and school divisions are apprised of its availability.