

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



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Title	First Review of Timeline for the Review and Approval of the Revised <i>Foreign Language 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:

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:
February 2013

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

X	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	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 *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* were adopted in 2007 and are scheduled for review in 2013-2014. The standards in French, German, Latin, Spanish, and Modern Foreign Language may be viewed online at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/foreign_language/index.shtml

Summary of Important Issues:

Using an established review process and criteria, the Department of Education plans a review of the current *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* according to the attached timeline.

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 receive for first review the proposed timeline for the review of the *Foreign Language Standards of Learning*.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF
THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE STANDARDS OF LEARNING
2012-2013**

- January 2013** The DOE presents the schedule for the review of the *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* to the Board for first review.
- February 2013** The DOE presents the schedule for the review of the *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* to the Board for final review.
- February 2013** A Superintendent’s Memorandum is distributed that:
- announces the schedule of the review process;
 - announces the availability of a *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* review/comment page on the DOE 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 DOE posts on its Web site a Standards of Learning review/comment page for the 2007 *Foreign Language Standards of Learning*. The page will be active for 30 days.
- April 2013** The DOE aggregates and conducts a preliminary analysis of the comments entered by e-mail through the Web page.
- July-August 2013** The review team meets for three days to:
- analyze statewide comment input;
 - review national documents and reports as necessary; and
 - make recommendations for potential changes.
- August 2013** The DOE prepares the review team’s comments in a draft.
- October 2013** The DOE and the steering committee (a subgroup of the review team) meet to discuss and review the draft *Foreign Language Standards of Learning*.
- February 2014** The DOE presents the draft *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* document to the Board for first review.
- March 2014** The proposed *Foreign Language Standards of Learning* document is distributed for public comment. The document is placed on the DOE Web site for review.
- March - April 2014** Public hearings are held as prescribed by the Board of Education.
- May 2014** 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 DOE Web site within three weeks of adoption.