

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-311

49-1-311. Appointment of standards review and development committees and advisory teams -- Web site for public comment -- Recommendations.

(a) As required by the current established process:

(1) The state board shall appoint two (2) standards review and development committees. One (1) committee shall be an English language arts standards review and development committee, and one (1) committee shall be a mathematics standards review and development committee. Each committee shall be composed of two (2) representatives from institutions of higher education located in the state and six (6) educators who reside in the state and work in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12);

(2) The state board shall also appoint six (6) advisory teams. Three (3) advisory teams shall advise and assist the English language arts standards review and development committee, and three (3) advisory teams shall advise and assist the mathematics standards review and development committee. The advisory teams shall be structured by grade levels, so that one (1) advisory team reviews standards for kindergarten through grade five (K-5), one (1) for grades six through eight (6-8), and one (1) for grades nine through twelve (9-12) in each subject. Each advisory team shall be composed of one (1) representative from an institution of higher education located in the state and six (6) educators who reside in the state and work in the appropriate grade levels and subject;

(3) The public's assistance in reviewing the current standards and suggesting changes to the current standards shall be elicited through a web site that shall allow comment by the public, as well as by educators, on the current standards. A third-party, independent educational resource, selected by the state board, shall collect all of the data and transmit all of the information gathered to the state board for dissemination to the appropriate advisory team for review and consideration;

(4) Each advisory team shall review the current standards for its subject matter and grade level together with the comments and suggestions gathered from the public and educators. After an advisory team has conducted its review, the team shall make recommendations for changes to the current standards to the appropriate standards review and development committee; and

(5) Each standards review and development committee shall review its advisory teams' reports and make recommendations for the new set of standards to the standards recommendation committee created in § 49-1-312(a).

(b) Beginning in 2018, the state board shall ensure that the standards review and development committees and advisory teams review the standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies pursuant to §§ 49-1-311 -- 49-1-313 at least once every six (6) years from the last adoption. The standards review and development committees and advisory teams shall make recommendations for adoption of new standards in these subject areas to the state board, and the state board shall vote on whether to adopt the recommended standards.

(c) Any unexpended funds appropriated for the purposes of this section shall not revert to the general fund, but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year to effectuate the purposes of this section.