

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education

**From:** Dr. Jennifer Jensen, Director for Curriculum and Instruction  
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**Subject:** Course Numbers for the Elementary/Middle School Subjects and Descriptions

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is updating the course coding for Elementary/Middle School Subjects and Courses with grade specific identifiers. Currently, the course code only denotes the subject area. However, with the new course coding scheme, the courses can be differentiated by grade level, allowing both local schools and IDOE to access better, more accurate data.

For example, mathematics is currently denoted with the number 0430 for all mathematics courses in kindergarten through eighth grade. Under the new codes, mathematics for kindergarten would be 0430-00, mathematics for first grade would be 0430-01, etc. All course codes would have the format XXXX-XX, where the first four digits denote the subject area and the last two digits denote the grade level. If a course has grade-specific standards, then it will receive a unique number. IDOE plans to have these changes reflected in the Elementary/Middle School Subjects and Descriptions Guide for 2020 – 2021.