

To: Indiana State Board of Education

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Subject: Indiana's Updated Standards for Adoption

Pursuant to IC 20-31-3-1(c-d), enacted in 2022, the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities led a comprehensive research effort to identify the skills and traits needed for students' lifelong success, including a focus on knowledge and skill development. The results of the independent research analysis align with the skills and traits of the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed characteristics.

IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning used this study to inform a subsequent standards prioritization process as required by IC 20-31-3-1(c-d). This process included convening stakeholder committees and facilitating an extensive public comment period to collect feedback related to standards prioritization and vertical articulation. IDOE recommends these standards for adoption:

- Mathematics
- English/Language Arts
- Science and Computer Science
- Social Studies

IDOE also developed new Integrated STEM standards in collaboration with various stakeholder committees and public comment, aligned with ongoing Integrated STEM initiatives. IDOE recommends these newly-developed STEM standards for adoption:

Integrated STEM

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3, IDOE reviews Indiana Academic Standards (IAS) at least once every six years. Accordingly, IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning facilitated stakeholder committee and public comment reviews of the IAS for Health and Wellness, Physical Education, and Fine Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts) for kindergarten through grade 12. IDOE recommends these updated standards for adoption:

- Health and Wellness
- Physical Education
- Fine Arts



Additionally, IDOE's Office of Kindergarten Readiness convened stakeholder committees and facilitated an extensive public comment period to review and confirm vertical articulation in the Indiana Early Learning Foundations. IDOE recommends these updated foundations be adopted and retitled as "Early Learning Standards," to allow synchronous review with IAS pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3:

• Early Learning Standards

Please contact IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning or Office of Kindergarten Readiness with any questions.