

Wyoming Department of Education

Chapter 10

Wyoming Content and Performance Standards

Section 1. **Authority.**

(a) These rules and regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Wyoming Education Code of 1969 (as amended - 2002) [W.S. 21-2-304 (a) (i) (ii) (iii) and (iv)].

Section 2. **Applicability.**

(a) These rules and regulations pertain to the uniform student content and performance standards for the common core of knowledge and the common core of skills specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b).

Section 3. **Promulgation, Amendment, or Repeal of Rules.**

(a) These rules and any amendments thereof shall become effective as provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act. (W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115).

Section 4. **Definitions.**

(a) Common Core of Knowledge. Areas of knowledge each student is expected to acquire at levels established by the state board of education. [W.S. 21-9-101 (b)(i)]

(b) Common Core of Skills. Skills each student is expected to demonstrate at levels established by the state board of education. [W.S. 21-9-101 (b)(iii)]. These skills may be integrated into the uniform student content and performance standards for the Common Core of Knowledge.

(c) Content and Performance Standards. Standards which include the K-12 content standards, benchmark standards ~~at grades 4, 8, and 11 for science, social studies, health, physical education, foreign language, fine and performing arts, and career/vocational education, and benchmark standards at grades kindergarten through grade 8 and grade 11 for language arts and mathematics~~, and the performance standards level descriptors established for the Common Core of Knowledge and Common Core of Skills. [W.S. 21-2-304 (a)(iii)] The grade levels for benchmark standards for each content area are listed below:

- (i) ELA – grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-12
- (ii) Math – grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, HS
- (iii) Science – grades 4, 8, 11
- (iv) Social Studies – grades 2, 5, 8, 12
- (v) Health – grades 2, 4, 6, 8, 12

- (vi) Physical Education – grades 2, 5, 8, 12
- (vii) Foreign Language – no grade levels; benchmarked among 6 performance level
- (viii) Career & Vocational Ed. – grades 5, 8, 11
- (ix) Fine & Performing Arts – grades 4, 8, 11

(d) Wyoming Standards Extensions. Standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities that show a clear link to the content standards for the grade in which the student is enrolled, although the grade-level content may be reduced in complexity or modified to reflect pre-requisite skills.

Section 5. Wyoming Statutes.

(a) All public school districts, and the schools and personnel within those districts, must comply with the applicable statutes of the State of Wyoming.

Section 6. Wyoming State Board of Education Policies and Regulations.

(a) All public school districts, and the schools and personnel within those districts, must comply with applicable state board policies and regulations. (W.S. 21-2-304)

Section 7. Uniform Student Content and Performance Standards.

(a) Uniform student content and performance standards, including standards for graduation, are hereby incorporated by reference pursuant to W.S. 16-3-103(h) and include the following:

(i) Wyoming Language Arts Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 8, 1998, amended on July 7, 2003, amended on November 19, 2008, and amended on September 23, 2011;

(A) Wyoming Language Arts Content and Performance Standards amended on September 23, 2011 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year.

(B) The 2014 Language Arts Performance Level Descriptors, as incorporated by reference, shall be the Wyoming Language Arts Performance Standards.

(C) The 2014 Wyoming Language Arts Standards Extensions for students with significant cognitive disabilities, as incorporated by reference, shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2017-18 school year.

(ii) Wyoming Mathematics Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 8, 1998, amended on July 7, 2003, amended on November 19, 2008, and amended on September 23, 2011;

(A) Wyoming Mathematics Content and Performance Standards amended on September 23, 2011 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year.

(B) The 2014 Mathematics Performance Level Descriptors, as incorporated by reference, shall be the Wyoming Mathematics Performance Standards.

(C) The 2014 Wyoming Mathematics Standards Extensions for students with significant cognitive disabilities, as incorporated by reference, shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2017-18 school year.

(iii) Wyoming Science Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 9, 1999, amended on July 7, 2003, and amended on November 19, 2008;

(iv) Wyoming Social Studies Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 9, 1999, amended on July 7, 2003 ~~and~~ amended on November 19, 2008; and amended on April 11, 2014;

(A) Wyoming Social Studies Content and Performance Standards amended on April 11, 2014 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

(v) Wyoming Health Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 6, 2000, amended on July 7, 2003, amended on November 19, 2008, and amended on September 23, 2011;

(A) Wyoming Health Content and Performance Standards amended on September 23, 2011 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year.

(vi) Wyoming Physical Education Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 6, 2000, amended on July 7, 2003, ~~and~~ amended on November 19, 2008; and amended on April 11, 2014;

(A) Wyoming Physical Education Content and Performance Standards amended on April 11, 2014 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

(vii) Wyoming Foreign Language Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 6, 2000, amended on July 7, 2003, amended on November 19, 2008, and amended on May 8, 2013;

(A) Wyoming Foreign Language Content and Performance Standards

amended on May 8, 2013 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

(viii) Wyoming Career/Vocational Education Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 6, 2001, amended on July 7, 2003, ~~and~~ amended on November 19, 2008~~;~~, and amended on April 11, 2014;

(A) Wyoming Career/Vocational Education Content and Performance Standards amended on April 11, 2014 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

(ix) Wyoming Fine and Performing Arts Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on June 6, 2001, amended on July 7, 2003, amended on November 19, 2008, and amended on May 8, 2013.

(A) Wyoming Fine and Performing Arts Content and Performance Standards amended on May 8, 2013 shall be fully implemented on or before the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

(b) The above-referenced content and performance standards are available at the Wyoming Department of Education website at edu.wyoming.gov, or are available at cost from the Wyoming Department of Education, 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002.

(c) The above-referenced content and performance standards dated November 19, 2008, September 23, 2011, ~~and~~ May 8, 2013, and April 11, 2014 are the most current editions.

(d) The above-referenced content and performance standards do not include any amendments to or editions of the standards since the effective date of this rule.