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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-133

TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Principals
K-12 Science Teachers
K-1 Special Education Teachers

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: November 21, 2016

SUBJECT: New Science Standards and K-1 ELA Extended Standards Adopted

NEW STANDARDS ADOPTION IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

The Wyoming Content and Performance Standards are reviewed every nine (9) years, and revisions are approved by the State Board of Education per state statute W.S. 21-2-304(c). The standards have been revised and approved, effective November 14, 2016, for both science standards K-12 and English and Language Arts (ELA) Extended Standards for grades K-1. Districts must have the science standards fully aligned and implemented in their instruction, curriculum, and assessment system by the start of the 2020-21 school year. The ELA Extended Standards are to be fully implemented by the start of the 2017-18 school year.

Standards Documents:

- [2016 Science Standards](#) (.PDF)
- [2016 Science Appendices A-K](#) (.PDF)
- [Understanding the Science Standards Document](#)
- [2014/16 Wyoming English/Language Arts Extended Standards](#)

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