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Section 1. Authority. These rules and regulations are promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (c).

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) “Common Core of Knowledge” (W.S. 21-9-101(b)(i)) means areas of knowledge each student is expected to acquire through the state standards at levels established by the state board of education.

(b) “Common Core of Skills” (W.S. 21-9-101(b)(iii)) means skills each student is expected to demonstrate at levels established by the state board of education. These skills may be integrated into the uniform student content and performance standards for the Common Core of Knowledge. This includes Problem Solving, Interpersonal Communications, Computational Thinking and Computer Applications, Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Life Skills, including Personal Financial Management Skills.

(c) “Content Standards” means the content knowledge and skills students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of the grade level or grade band. These standards are established for the Common Core of Knowledge and Common Core of Skills. The content areas for standards are aligned to the Common Core of Knowledge as follows:

(i) W.S. 21-9-101 Common Core of Knowledge

(A) Reading/Language Arts (English Language Arts)

(B) Social studies

(C) Mathematics

(D) Science

(E) Fine arts and performing arts (Fine & Performing Arts)

(F) Physical education

(G) Health and safety

(H) Humanities - Embedded within the ELA, SS, Languages, and

Fine Arts Standards.

(J) Career and technical education (Career & Vocational Education)

- Changed in 2021 legislation and will reflect name change in the next standards review cycle.

(K) World cultures and languages (Foreign Language) - Changed in

2022 legislation and will reflect name change in the next standards review cycle.

(N) Government and civics including state and federal constitutions pursuant to W.S. 21-9-102 - Embedded within the SS Standards.

(O) Computer science

(d) “Performance Standards” means the standards all students are expected to learn and be assessed on through the district assessment system by the end of the grade level or grade band. These specify the degree of understanding or demonstration of the knowledge or skills at the proficient level, describing how good is good enough.

(e) “Extended Standards” means 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. The term is interchangeable with the previous term “Standards Extensions.”

(f) “Elective” when describing Content Standards means all students must be offered the opportunity to take content area instruction within the indicated grade level or grade band.

Section 3. Uniform Student Content and Performance Standards.

(a) The State Board of Education incorporates the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, revised on December 21, 2023.

(i) Content Standards are the state standards and cannot be further prioritized. Every student shall be offered the opportunity to learn these standards.

(ii) Performance Standards must be assessed through the district assessment system. Districts and teachers shall provide multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency and the appropriate and targeted supports for student success.

(iii) Districts shall provide content area instruction to all students within the indicated grade level or grade band, with the exception of those areas marked Elective.

(A) Elective content must be offered to all students that elect to take the content area coursework or program.

(B) Districts may choose how to offer elective coursework, but all Content and Performance Standards must be included in the series of courses or the educational program.

(iv) The table below outlines the content areas, by grade band, that have

Content Standards only (taught but not required to be assessed in the District Assessment System) compared to those that have Content & Performance Standards (taught and assessed in the District Assessment System). It also identifies those areas that are Elective.

Gr.	Math	Science	Health & Safety	PE	Fine & Performing Arts	Computer Science
K-2	Content & Performance Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards
3-5	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards
6-8	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards	Content Standards	Content Standards	Content & Performance Standards Elective	Content & Performance Standards Elective
9-12	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards	Content & Performance Standards Elective	Content & Performance Standards Elective

(b) The Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, revised December 21, 2023 are available at the links below starting in section 3(e)(vii)-(xii) or for public inspection at the Wyoming Department of Education, 122 E. 25th Street, Suite E200, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

(c) The State Board of Education has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules.

(d) The standards incorporated by reference in Section 3(a) do not include any amendments to or editions of the standards since the effective date of this rule.

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

(i) The 2012 Wyoming Language Arts Content Standards are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/standards/final-2012-ela-standards.pdf>.

(A) The 2014 Language Arts Performance Level Descriptors shall be the Wyoming Language Arts Performance Standards for the 2012 Wyoming Language Arts Content Standards. These ELA Performance Standards are found at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-ELA-PLDs-Grade-3-10.pdf>.

(B) The 2014/2016 Wyoming Language Arts Extended Standards for

students with significant cognitive disabilities are available at https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2014-16-FINAL-RECOMMENDED-ELA-EXTENDED-STANDARDS-K-12_November-2016.pdf.

(ii) The 2020 Wyoming Mathematics Extended Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2020-Math-Extended-Standards-effective-4.7.21.pdf>.

(iii) The 2018 Wyoming Science Extended Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/standards/2018/Science-Extended-Standards-2018.pdf>.

(iv) 2014 with 2018 Additions Wyoming Social Studies Content and Performance Standards are available at https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Social-Studies-Standards-20142018-additions_FINAL.pdf.

(v) 2013 Wyoming Foreign Language Content and Performance Standards as approved by the Wyoming State Board of Education on May 8, 2013 are available at https://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/standards/2013_Foreign_Language_Standardsb.pdf.

(vi) 2014 Wyoming Career/Vocational Education Content and Performance Standards are available at https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2014-CVE-WyCPS-FINAL_11.28.18sd_FINAL.pdf.

(vii) 2023 Wyoming Math Content and Performance are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Math-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.

(viii) 2023 Wyoming Science Content and Performance are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Science-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.

(ix) 2023 Wyoming Computer Science Content and Performance Standards are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Computer-Science-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.

(x) 2023 Wyoming Physical Education Content and Performance are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/PE-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.

(xi) 2023 Wyoming Health & Safety Content and Performance Standards are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Health-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.

(xii) 2023 Wyoming Fine & Performing Arts Content and Performance Standards are available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FPA-Ch.-10-WYCPS.pdf>.