



Content and Assessment Standards Update March 11, 2024

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The screenshot shows the OPI website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header, there is a section titled 'Standards Revision' with a sub-section 'MT Content Standards Revision 2022 - 2026'. The text explains the purpose of the standards review process and lists resources available, including current standards in revision, legacy documents, agendas, meeting recordings, working documents, and task force members. A list of standards in revision is also provided: English Language Arts (ELA), English Language Proficiency, Mathematics, and World Languages.

Montana Content Standards Revisions - 2022-2026

Standard Set	2022		2023			2024				2025			2026	
	10/22	1/23	4/23	7/23	10/23	1/24	4/24	7/24	10/24	1/25	4/25	7/25	12/25	July '26
Math	Research & review		Revision		NRC	BPE Adoption Phase			Professional Learning			★		
English Proficiency	Research & review		Revision		NRC	BPE Adoption Phase			Professional Learning			★		
World Languages	Research & review		Revision		NRC	BPE Adoption Phase			Professional Learning			★		
ELA/Literacy					Research & review		Revision		NRC	BPE Adoption Phase		Professional Learning		★

★ District Implementation

English Language Proficiency: [ARM 10.53.3](#)

- This item has been passed on to the BPE for their adoption phase.
- Economic Impact Statement Completed:
- Summary of Amendments:
 - Updated language to match the WIDA English Language Development 2020 Framework
 - Maintained language for both proficiency standards and performance level descriptors.

World Language Content Standards: [ARM 10.54.85](#)

- Summary Ready for Review, Pending Return of Economic Impact Survey and resulting Economic Impact Statement.
- Anticipated information Item for May 2024 Board of Public Education Meeting
- Summary of Proposed Rules:
 - Move from Chapter 54 to Chapter 53
 - Alignment with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Standards
 - Authentic inclusion of Montana Indigenous Peoples throughout proposed standards

Mathematics Content Standards: [ARM 10.53.5](#)

- Rulemaking on Math Content Standards has been completed. drafted summary document of revisions can be found on the Content Standards Revision page.
- Summary of Revisions pending return of Economic Impact Survey and subsequent Economic Impact Statement.
- Anticipated Information item for the May 2024 Board of Public Education Meeting.
- Summary of Proposals
 - Update of the Mathematical Practices, including the introduction of Cultural Connections to Mathematics
 - Cleaning up language for clarity and moving examples from content standards to guidance documents
 - Condensing of content standards where possible
 - Reworking the structure of the 9-12 standards for clarity, creating Core and Core Plus Standards

English Language Arts/Literacy: [ARM 10.53.4](#)

- Currently in the Research and Review Phase
 - Research is being conducted by the Regional Educational Laboratory Northwest
- Facilitation of the Task Force is conducted by the Region 17 Comprehensive Center at Education Northwest
- By the time of this meeting the Task Force for revisions will be posted for publication. Meetings with this team including orientation, research review, IEFA and other relevant professional learning will run from April to June. In-person writing days are scheduled for July.

Assessment: [ARM 10.56](#)

- In 2023, the Administrative Rule in Montana for School Accreditation, Title 10, Chapter 55, underwent a great deal of revisions. This, along with the implementation of an innovative through-year assessment for grades 3-8 in math and English language arts, the Montana Aligned to Standards Student Through-year (MAST), promoted the need to review the State Assessment Standards.
- [Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 56, Student Assessment](#)
- [Economic Impact Survey on Proposed Amendments](#)

Educator Licensure: [ARM 10.57](#)

- In 2022, the Board of Public Education (BPE) conducted a comprehensive review of the entire Chapter 57 of Administrative Rule, Educator Licensure, which convenes every 5 years as required by ARM 10.57.101.
- The new rules were effective as of May 28, 2022. In administering the new rules over the last year, the OPI Educator Licensure Unit has identified recommended minor revisions and potential areas to increase licensure reciprocity and flexibility.
- September 2023, the BPE approved for ARM Chapter 57 to be reviewed and revised on particular rules.
- On October 31, 2023 the OPI hosted a work-group to review and make recommendations on the set of identified rules. The attached document contains the recommendations that the work group generated.