

Course Standards Approval – Career and Technical Education

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(8) authorizes the State Board of Education to “set policies governing all academic standards and courses of study in the public schools.” Additionally, State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

This item includes new and revised course standards for the following career clusters: Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources; Health Science; Finance; Hospitality and Tourism; and Transportation. These new and revised course standards better align with postsecondary pathways, incorporate added instructional rigor, and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state. These changes will go into effect for the 2020-21 school year.

Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	
Principles of Food Production	Revised Standards
Applied Environmental Science	Revised Standards
Food Science Safety	Revised Standards
Advanced Food Science	Revised Standards
Natural Resource Management	Revised Standards
Supervised Agriculture Experience	Revised Standards
Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Agriculture	New Standards

Health Science	
Pharmacological Science	Revised Standards
Medical Assisting	New Standards
Public Health and Epidemiology	New Standards

Finance	
Personal Finance	Revised Standards

Hospitality and Tourism	
Hospitality and Tourism Management I	New Standards
Hospitality and Tourism Management II	New Standards
Hospitality and Tourism Management III	New Standards

Transportation	
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Pilot	New Standards

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.