

Standards Review Cycles

The State Board of Education is charged under Tennessee statute with reviewing core academic standards a minimum of every eight years. This process entails a significant public feedback survey to obtain public opinion on the standards, convening of an Educator Advisory Team to review the current standards and determine revisions they would recommend to the standards, and review of the proposed standards by a gubernatorially and legislatively appointed Standards Recommendation Committee. Ultimately, the revised standards go before the State Board of Education on two readings prior to being adopted by Tennessee school districts.

In addition to providing detailed cycles that show the review start dates and final reading dates of the core academic standards, the table below provides timelines for the review of textbooks and instructional materials, local adoption of materials, and implementation of revised standards.

Note: Rows that have been highlighted in gray represent review cycles that have been completed.

Subject Area	Standards Review Start	Standards on Final Reading with the SBE	Textbook & Instructional Materials Review Process	Local Adoption of Materials	Standards Implementation Year
English Language Arts		April 2016			2017-18
Math		April 2016			2017-18
Science		October 2016			2018-29
Social Studies		July 2017			2019-20
English Language Arts	Spring 2018	February 2019			2020-21
Math	Fall 2019	February 2021	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Science	Summer 2021	October 2022	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Social Studies	Summer 2022	February 2024	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
English Language Arts	Summer 2024	February 2026	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Math	Summer 2026	February 2028	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Science	Summer 2028	February 2030	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Social Studies	Summer 2030	February 2032	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
English Language Arts	Summer 2032	February 2034	2035-36	2036-37	2037-38
Math	Summer 2034	February 2036	2037-38	2038-39	2039-40