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Standards and Instructional Support Newsletter

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Standards Review and Revision

Youth Involvement in standards

[Applications for youth advisors to the 2023-25 Colorado Academic Standards revision process are available starting Tuesday, Aug. 1](#), and close on Tuesday, Aug. 15. [Educators can nominate a youth advisor using this template letter.](#) Youth advisors must be 14 to 19 years old and enrolled, attending or recently graduated from one of the following:

- A Colorado junior high, middle or high school, including tribal schools, online schools, charter schools or approved facility schools as defined in section 22-2-402, Colorado Revised Statutes.
- A nonpublic, home-based educational program.
- A high school equivalency examination program.
- Obtained a high school diploma through successful completion of a high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5).

work will likely occur between Friday, Sept. 15, and Nov. 17, and March 2024. Youth advisors will be expected to participate actively during these time periods.

Standards revision committees

During its Aug. 17 meeting, the State Board of Education will decide which of the four content areas up for review will be revised by committees. Over the summer, external experts benchmarked Computer Science, English Language Proficiency, Physical Education and World Languages. If revision is required, applications for revision committees will be released after the SBE meeting.

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Guidance for READ Plans beyond third Grade

[Guidance for supporting students who remain on READ plans in grades four through 12 is available for districts including research, resources and training opportunities for educators.](#) For more information, contact Olivia Gillespie, Office of Standards and Instructional Support, at 720-930-1298, or gillespie_o@cde.state.co.us.

Financial Literacy

The Financial Literacy newsletter is a monthly newsletter with new resources for teaching financial literacy. Sign up for the Financial Literacy newsletter by sending an email to:

financialliteracy-subscribe-request@cdelist.cde.state.co.us.

For more information about Financial Literacy, email Tory Tripp at tripp_t@cde.state.co.us.

Science and STEM

- Save the Date for the National Science Teachers Association 2024 conference March 20-23, at the Denver Convention Center. This NSTA

- Hands-on workshops that enhance on-going development of teachers and school leaders.
- Concurrent sessions to promote best practices in instructional planning and assessment.
- Networking opportunities to develop relationships within a nationwide professional community of science educators.
- Focused sessions on instructional strategies that make connections between literacy and scientific concepts and build knowledge of science teaching that aligns with state standards.

[For more information, visit the NSTA website.](#)

- [The application for the Presidential Award in Engineering, Math, Science and Technology will open in August for kindergarten through sixth-grade teachers.](#) Check the [Science webpage](#) for updates.
- View the announcements section of the [Science webpage](#) and the [STEM webpage](#) for up-to-date professional learning opportunities. Email Sam Agoos at agoos_s@cde.state.co.us with questions.

High Impact Tutoring

CDE's high-impact tutoring program grant has more than 30 new grantees for the 2023-24 academic year. The HTP grant program staff also secured additional resources from the [Accelerate - States Leading Recovery Grant](#). Grantees will work on offering [evidenced-based tutoring programs](#) to students for the 2023-24 school year.

Visit the HTP webpage for a full list of grantees and more information on the program or email HTP@cde.state.co.us.



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