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HEARINGS SET STATEWIDE ON EDUCATION RULES

The Idaho State Board of Education will hold public hearings later this month around the state on education-related rules including the Idaho content standards.

In 2009, Idaho worked with the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers and other states around developing common core content standards in English language arts and mathematics. In 2010, after a series of hearings held around the state, the Board adopted the Idaho content standards, which were approved by the Idaho Legislature the following year.

Content standards are re-evaluated on a rotating basis (in alignment with the curricular materials five-year review cycle). As part of the rolling evaluation process and lawmaker interest, the mathematics and English language arts content standards were opened up for a comprehensive statewide review in 2015-16. Based on that process and feedback received, the Board adopted amended standards in 2016, which were approved by the Legislature in 2017.

“The hearings will provide an opportunity for the public to share comments and specific suggestions they may have about administrative rules,” State Board Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Tracie Bent said. “The purpose of the content standards is to set minimum levels for student progress by grade at the primary and secondary level. These minimum content standards are necessary to meet the

constitutional requirement to maintain a “uniform and thorough system” of public schools. The method for meeting the standards is the curriculum that is chosen by each school district and charter school. Curriculum is set at the local level by each school district.”

Idaho has content standards in 13 categories, eight of them are identified as “core” content areas (IDAPA 08.02.03.105).

The schedule for public hearings on Docket 08-0000-1900, IDAPA Chapter 08 (education-related rules) is:

- August 19, 2019 – College of Western Idaho, Nampa; Academic Building Room 102E - 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. (MDT)
- August 21, 2019 – College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls; Hepworth Building Room 108 – 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. (MDT)
- August 22, 2019 – North Idaho College, Coeur d’Alene; Student Union Building Lake Coeur d’Alene Room – 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. (PDT)
- August 27, 2019 – College of Eastern Idaho, Idaho Falls; Building 6 (Health Education Building) Room 150/152 – 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. (MDT)

More about the rules process is posted on the State Board website:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/board-policies-rules/education-rules/>

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