

The Arizona State Board of Education's Academic Standards Development Committee will be holding statewide public hearings on the 2016 Draft Arizona's Mathematics Standards and English Language Arts (ELA) Standards over the next month as part of the standards review process.

In March 2015, Governor Ducey tasked the State Board of Education with reviewing Arizona's Math and ELA Standards in order to ensure that the standards are vetted, approved, and controlled by Arizona, and that they are the best for Arizona's students.

In April 2015, the State Board of Education established the Arizona Academic Standards Development Committee to oversee the development of Arizona Mathematics Standards and Arizona ELA Standards.

It took 200 teachers over 6,000 volunteer hours to complete a comprehensive revision on the standards. If adopted, Arizona will become the only state in the nation with a Foundational Writing Skills Strand for grades K-3 that includes a progression of handwriting skills from print through cursive.

On August 22, 2016, after numerous positive public comments, the State Board of Education voted to accept the 2016 Draft Arizona English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards for public consideration and input rule changes.

The standards website <https://k12standards.az.gov/> offers opportunities for comment at the end of each standard and grade level strand for both mathematics and English language arts (K-12). Please visit the page to review the standards and submit a comment.

Public Hearings will be held throughout the state through the month of September to collect public comment on the 2016 Draft Arizona English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards:

September 12 6:00-7:00 PM Show Low High School Library 1201 N. Cougar Ln. Show Low, AZ 85901	September 12 6:00-7:00 PM Catalina Magnet High School Aud. 3645 E Pima St. Tucson, AZ 85716	September 12 6:00-7:00 PM Peoria Flex Ac. Lecture Hall 11200 N. 83rd Ave Peoria, AZ 85345
September 13 5:00-6:00 PM Holbrook District Board Room 1000 N. 8th Ave Holbrook, AZ 86025	September 13 6:00-7:00 PM Santa Cruz Complex, Room 120 2150 N. Congress Dr. Nogales, AZ 85621	September 14 6:00-7:00 PM Cafeteria of the Rothery Center 3305 E. Fry Blvd Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
September 14 6:00-7:00 PM Flagstaff High School: Hurley Theatre 400 W. Elm Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001	September 15 6:00-7:00 PM Madison Elem SD Board Room 5601 N. 16th St. Phoenix, AZ 85016	September 15 6:00-7:00 PM Glassford Middle School Auditorium 6901 E. Panther Path Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
September 15 6:00-7:00 PM Safford District Board Room 734 11th St. Safford, AZ 85546	September 19 6:00-7:00 PM Chandler District Board Office 1525 W. Frye Rd Chandler, AZ 85224	September 19 6:00-7:00 PM Yuma School District #1 450 W. 6th St Yuma, AZ 85364
September 19 6:00-7:00 PM Payson District Board Room 902 W. Main St Payson, AZ 85541	September 20 6:00-7:00 PM Parker High School 1600 S. Kofa Ave Parker, AZ 85344	September 20 6:00-7:00 PM Walker Butte K-8 School 29697 N Desert Willow Blvd Queen Creek, AZ 85142
September 20 6:00-7:00 PM Gila Cty Board of Supervisors, Rm 202 1400 E. Ash St Globe, AZ 85501	September 21 6:00-7:00 PM Mohave County Admin Bldg. 700 W. Beal St. Kingman, AZ 86402	

Public comment on the Standards will close on Monday, October 3, 2016.