



Early Learning and Development Standards Review Process

Background

In January 2021, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) [approved a process](#) for reviewing the Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS). These standards were originally developed and approved by BESE in 2013, and, like other standards, benefit from periodic review. The standards have been used to support educators and parents by providing them with a set of common, developmentally appropriate expectations for what children typically know, understand, and are able to perform at different stages of early childhood development.

Early Learning and Development Standards Review Committee

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) [issued a press release on January 22, 2021](#), regarding the ELDS review process that included a call for applications to serve on a review committee and a link to provide feedback on the current ELDS. The 25-member committee included a variety of Louisiana early care and education professionals representing public school systems, higher education, pre-K, child care and Head Start centers, and government agencies.

Public Comment and Engagement Opportunities

The revised standards are the result of a year-long review process that included multiple points and public meetings for public engagement, review, and feedback, **which are outlined below:**

Early Learning and Development Standards Review Committee	
January 2021	Stakeholder survey on current (2013) ELDS
April 2021 to April 2022	Committee held 7 public meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1, 2021 • June 24, 2021 • September 21, 2021 • November 22, 2021 • January 25, 2022 • February 22, 2022 • April 6, 2022
April 13 to May 9, 2022	Public comment online portal open
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council	
May 18, 2022	Advisory Council reviewed proposed bulletin revisions regarding the ELDS at public meeting
July 13, 2022	Advisory Council reviewed and approved bulletin revisions regarding the ELDS at public meeting
Superintendents' Advisory Council	
May 23, 2022	Advisory Council reviewed and endorsed proposed bulletin revisions regarding the ELDS at public meeting
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	
August 23 to August 24, 2022	BESE reviewed and approved bulletin revisions regarding the ELDS at public meeting
October 20 to November 9, 2022	Bulletin revision public comment period
November 28, 2022	Public hearing held