



Talking Points in Support of Louisiana's Early Learning and Development Standards Parents

Support of ELDS during the June 13th BESE Meeting:

Please make sure to say this in your public comment. In addition, choose 1-2 bullet points from sections below:

I am proud to support the proposed revised Early Learning and Development Standards developed through the review committee process.

Talking Points for Parents

Please choose 1-2 bullets; public comment is limited to about 2 minutes. Feel free to personalize as well!

- As a parent, I am looking not only for my child to learn academic skills in their early years but also those skills that will allow them to succeed in their relationships with others. I am proud to support the proposed standards.
- It is important to me to make sure my children, as well as all children in Louisiana, are prepared to work collaboratively with their peers to solve the problems of the future. The revised Early Learning and Development Standards support children early on to learn the skills necessary to help them in school and later on in adulthood. As a parent, I am proud to support the proposed standards.
- These research-based standards will benefit all children in Louisiana by preparing them for success in school and in life. I am proud to support the proposed standards.
- **Social-emotional development**, which is based on decades of research, will benefit all children in Louisiana by preparing them for success in school and in life. I am proud to support the proposed revisions to the standards.
- **A large, rigorous body of research** demonstrates how social-emotional development improves academic performance, relationships, and behavior. The proposed standards are in-line with existing standards and reflect the best practices from a long-established scientific field.
- The proposed standards are the result of an extended review process that was transparent, open to the public, and included multiple opportunities for public review and feedback.
- **Louisiana was one of the first states in the country to put early childhood education standards in place** to give our children the life skills they need to be more responsible and successful as they grow up. For well over 10 years, Louisiana has used these standards to give our children a better start in life.

- **These research-based standards help early care and education professionals support young children in their development of valuable life skills**, like paying attention in class, being a good student, making friends, and interacting and communicating with people. These kinds of skills help children be more responsible and successful as they grow. The standards give child care providers a guiding framework so that they can cultivate skills and environments that advance students' learning and development to prepare our youngest learners for success in school and life.
- **The proposed standards will help young children learn valuable skills that will help them well beyond school and into the workforce.** Many business executives across the country have noted that too many employees and job applicants lack the life skills necessary to be successful, such as good communication, the ability to cooperate, and how to overcome challenges. The foundation of an adult's ability to perform these crucial skills are built in early childhood, and business leaders recognize the vital role of early childhood programs in supporting these skills.
- **Our children have one chance at childhood.** We want our children to be responsible, make good decisions, and take responsibility for their actions. Children must be taught these skills, and they must be reinforced both at home and in school. These standards will help educators provide high-quality instruction to children in Louisiana which some studies show can reduce a child's likelihood of future involvement in the criminal justice system.