



Indiana Department of Education

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To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: Indiana Academic Standards Reduction and Prioritization: Educators Needed

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3-1, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will oversee the reduction and prioritization of Indiana Academic Standards for kindergarten through grade 12. IDOE conducted a research study to define essential postsecondary skills needed to promote future success in employment, enrollment, and enlistment leading to service and will use these findings to inform the standards reduction and prioritization process.

IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning is recruiting educators and community members to comprise content-area committees responsible for formally recommending standard reductions and prioritizations. Interested participants are encouraged to review [this flier](#) for additional details and complete an application to be considered for this effort. Some standard questions and answers regarding this work are addressed below.

How many standards will be reduced?

Pursuant to IC 20-31-3-1(c-d), IDOE will oversee the reduction of 25% of Indiana Academic Standards in effect on July 1, 2022 for kindergarten through grade 12.

How will essential standards be identified?

IDOE's stakeholder committees will use research findings regarding postsecondary skills for the future to recommend standard reductions and identify no more than 33% as "essential."

When will the new standards be adopted?

Pursuant to IC 20-31-3-1(c-d), IDOE must present recommended standards reductions and essential prioritizations for grades nine through 12 by June 1, 2023, and for kindergarten through grade eight by June 1, 2024 to the Indiana State Board of Education for review and approval prior to adoption.

Will the Content Connectors also be updated?

Yes, the [2018 Content Connectors](#) will be revised to reflect the changes within the reduced and prioritized standards in English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, as well as related courses.



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What implications do the standards reductions have on statewide assessments?

IDOE will redesign ILEARN assessments to reflect the approved reductions and prioritizations at each tested grade level and content area. These redesigned assessments will measure the reduced standards on the timelines reflected below:

- High School: 2024-2025 school year
- Grades 3-8: 2025-2026 school year

The IAM assessment will also be realigned to measure the reduced Content Connectors for all grade levels beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Please contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions regarding this guidance.