

Iowa Standards Revision and Implementation Timeline

A great educational system begins with a clear and rigorous set of standards that educators use to help ensure that all students are college, career and citizen ready. At a basic level, standards outline what students should know and be able to do. They also provide a set of common expectations for school districts across the state because all students in Iowa are required to learn the Iowa Academic Standards.

To ensure standards remain relevant, rigorous, and based on best practices in a given field, standards revision is on a regular revision cycle. This regular review also helps districts anticipate standards revisions and set appropriate curriculum revision or adoption cycles based on these timelines. The table below outlines the following:

- **First Adopted:** Indicates the year the standards were first adopted by the Iowa State Board of Education.
- **Subsequent Adoptions:** Indicates State Board adoptions that took place prior to the most recent adoption.
- **Last Adopted:** Indicates the month and year the standards were last adopted by the Iowa State Board of Education.
- **Most Recent Implementation:** Indicates the years when standards were required to be implemented.
- **Next Process Begins:** Indicates the month and year the standards revision process will begin next.
- **Next Adoption:** Indicates when draft standards are anticipated to be adopted by the Iowa State Board of Education as Iowa's academic or recommended standards.

Standards Area	First Adopted	Subsequent Adoptions	Last Adopted	Most Recent Implementation	Next Process Begins	Next Adoption
Mathematics	2008	2010	April 2024	2024-25	April 2029	January 2030
English/Language Arts	2008	2016 (no substantive revision)	June 2024	2024-25	September 2028	June 2029
Science	2008	2015	May 2025	2025-26	September 2030	June 2031
Social Studies	2008	2017	January 2026	2026-27	September 2031	June 2032
Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards	2007	2017	April 2026	2026-27	October 2031	August 2032
Early Learning Standards	2007	2017	June 2026 (anticipated)	2026-27	November 2031	October 2032

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Computer Science, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	2018 (computer science only)	None	November 2026 (anticipated)	2026-27	January 2032	November 2032
21st Century Skills	2008	2017 (only civic and financial literacy)	January 2026 (only civic and financial literacy)	2026-27 (only civic and financial literacy)	TBD	TBD
Fine Arts	2017	None	November 2017	2017-18	TBD	TBD
Health and Physical Education	2019	None	October 2019	2019-20	TBD	TBD