



## ***Standards Review Process FAQs*** ***July 2015***

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the standards review process include answers related to committee makeup, form completion, and committee expectations. This document also provides review process information for all who are interested in applying for the **Standards Review Committee** or **Content Subcommittees**, as well as for others interested in engaging in the standards review process.

This FAQ currently contains questions that have been asked by potential applicants to date, and it will be updated with new questions and answers, as needed. Some questions will refer back to the [July 2015 State Board presentation](#) listed on the NJDOE website.

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**What do the two committees do and who is eligible to serve on each?**

The 24-member **Standards Review Committee** will review the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in English language arts and mathematics to develop higher standards that reflect the educational needs and goals of our New Jersey communities. This committee will monitor the progress of subcommittees, ensure alignment of content across grade levels and subjects, and make final

recommendations to the State Board of Education (NJSBOE). Membership on the Standards Review Committee is by nomination only, and the nomination form can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/standards/>. This nomination form is applicable to the Standards Review Committee only. The nomination form must be completed by the nominating party, and each person nominated will also need to provide a resume and “Statement of Interest.”

Educators, parents, education organization members, and business representatives may serve on the committee. *At least half of the committee will be current New Jersey district- and school-based educators. Representatives from the **Standards Review Committee** will also serve on each of the **Content Subcommittees**.*

The three **Content Subcommittees** will review each set of standards in depth -- (K-2 - 22 members); (3 - 12 English language arts - 28 members), and (3 -12 mathematics – 28 members). Each subcommittee will propose a set of revised standards to the **Standards Review Committee** for consideration. Educators can apply for the content subcommittees, no nomination is required. *Seventy-five percent of each content subcommittee will be current district- and school-based educators.*

### **Which form do I use for which committee, and are other application materials required?**

Candidates for the **Standards Review Committee** must be nominated. Nomination forms are available online at: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/standards>

**Content Subcommittees** do not require a nomination. Educators and content specialists can choose to submit a **Content Subcommittee** application, along with a “Statement of Interest” and their resumes to apply for participation.

A candidate can be nominated for the **Standards Review Committee** by an organization, and also submit an application for a **Content Subcommittee**. Or, the candidate can apply for one of the **Content Subcommittees** where no nomination is required.

### **Which organizations may nominate candidates for the Standards Review Committee?**

The following organizations may nominate candidates for the Standards Review Committee:

- American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA)
- Chamber of Commerce
- County College Deans
- Local Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO)
- New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (NJASCD)
- New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA)
- New Jersey Charter Schools Association
- New Jersey Education Association (NJEA)
- New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (NJPTA)
- New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA)
- School Districts

- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
- University Deans

NOTE: Be sure to review the [presentation](#) from the July Board of Education meeting for details on qualifications, as well as the total number of nominations allowable from the nominating body.

### **What is the expected availability or commitment for members of the committees?**

From August to December, the Department is estimating a 10-day commitment during typical work hours for the **Standards Review Committee** and **Content Subcommittees**. There will also be some personal work time requested in addition to the 10-day commitment. This will be determined throughout the review process but will fall within the August to December timeline. We recommend that all candidates communicate the level of this commitment to the committee work to their districts before they apply. Committee members are expected to attend all meetings that may be scheduled during the review process.

### **When will I know if I have been selected for a committee?**

Applicants will be made aware of their selection in early August.

### **What should I do if I want to be on the Standards Review Committee and I don't believe I can secure a nomination?**

Potential nominees should speak directly with their organization regarding a nomination for the **Standards Review Committee**. Educators who are interested in **Content Subcommittees** do not need a nomination and are welcome to apply using the **Content Subcommittee** application form. See slide 8 of the [July 2015 State Board presentation](#) .

### **Who can I contact if I have a question about filling out the forms?**

Please email [njstandardsreview@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njstandardsreview@doe.state.nj.us) with any questions or concerns.

### **When are applications due? Is there a specific time that they must be in on the due date?**

Applications are due on July 31 by 4 p.m.

### **Where do I send application materials?**

Please send all application materials to [njstandardsreview@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njstandardsreview@doe.state.nj.us)

### **If I am not interested in applying for the Content Subcommittees or Standards Review Committee, but want to be involved, how can I engage in the standards review process?**

There are three additional ways to participate. They are listed below.

*Standards Survey*

An online survey is available for all stakeholders to comment standard-by-standard, grade-by-grade, and content area-by-content area

*Listening Tours – three regional*

These tours will provide open forums for community members, including parents and members of the business community, to address their concerns about specific standards to inform the work of the committees.

*Community Focus Groups – three regional*

Focus groups made up of parents, business community members, and higher education leaders will meet prior to each regional listening tour. It is imperative that the group leaders collect local, community feedback early in the review of the standards to ensure that specific concerns are addressed throughout the review process.

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