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Subject: Message #16: Announcing the K-8 Science Standards

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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that on June 11th, 2015, the State Board of Education (SBE) unanimously voted to adopt the Arkansas K-12 Science Standards for Grades K-4 and 5-8.

Electronic publications of the new K-4 and 5-8 science standards may be accessed on the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-framework-documents/science>. (Shortened Link: <http://goo.gl/Xb7vwu>) In addition to the standards, K-4 and 5-8 learning-progression matrices and narrative overviews, found on the same Web page, detail what is taught in each grade.

The goal of the Arkansas K-12 Science Standards is to prepare students to understand and apply science concepts to real-world situations now and beyond high school. As this work progresses, the current Arkansas Science Curriculum Frameworks will remain in place for the 2015-2016 school year. The Arkansas K-12 Science Standards for Grades K-4 are on schedule to be implemented in the fall of 2016 and Grades 5-8 in the fall of 2017. The Arkansas 9-12 Science Standards Committee is writing new high school science courses this summer and will present them to the SBE for adoption in the spring of 2016.

The latest information on the Arkansas K-12 Science Standards can be found by visiting the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/arkansas-k-12-science-standards>. (Shortened Link: <http://goo.gl/qPLkUA>)

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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