



## **Standards Review Q & A**

### **Who is on a Standards Revision Committee?**

Revision of each of the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks is required by the state education reform initiatives mandated by the State Board of Education. All curriculum framework documents result from the work of a committee of Arkansas educators representing every facet of Arkansas education, including geographic region, grade, school size and fiscal status, gender, ethnicity and education experience.

State Board rules for framework revision specify that committees rely on a variety of resources to inform their work. These include expert reviewers' evaluations of the current framework, input from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education, and a review of national and state standards from across the country.

### **What is the State Board of Education's Role in the Standards Revision Process?**

To ensure that Arkansas academic content standards are rigorous and prepare students for college and careers, the Board is responsible for establishing a schedule for periodic review of those academic content standards. In addition, it directs the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) to engage in a process for review that includes the following elements:

- External review by outside content standards experts
- Review and input by higher education, workforce education and community members
- Review of academic content standards from other states and countries
- Review of academic content standards from appropriate national organizations
- Revisions by committees of Arkansas teachers and instructional supervisor personnel from public schools, assisted by teachers from institutions of higher education

Once the Board has approved the revisions, it is responsible for the public dissemination of the revised academic standards through the normal ADE communications channels including the ADE website.