

# **Missouri NEA State Board Report**

*Notes from March 15, 2016 meeting of the State Board of Education  
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

## **Missouri Learning Standards presented in final form, up now on DESE website**

New Missouri Learning Standards establish expectations for students in social studies, science, mathematics and English language arts beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. State assessments will align with the new standards in spring 2018. After the presentation of a draft at the February state board meeting, DESE asked for feedback from members of the HB1490 workgroups and higher education. They received 600 comments, and added back some clarification and examples originally provided by the workgroups.

The board discussed the move of Missouri history from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. While 4<sup>th</sup> graders have studied Missouri history for several years, before 1997 it was a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade subject. At that time, it was moved from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade because of a new state assessment given in fourth grade that included Missouri history. Missouri no longer tests elementary students in social studies. The move will give time to introduce other social studies areas in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

DESE does not plan to make other changes to the standards now posted. The state board will vote on April 19 to adopt the new standards. [Find the standards](#) posted with the March state board agenda, link given at the end of this report.

## **Normandy School Collaborative Update**

Dr. Charles Pearson, Normandy superintendent, reported the district has developed many strategic partnerships that help with student needs. One partner established college savings accounts for students in Kindergarten. He reports some academic progress in elementary grades, but a bigger challenge with secondary students. Many high school students read at the sixth grade level. A partner is providing books that secondary students can keep, and the district is researching adult literacy strategies that could be used with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Normandy received a grant from a partner to purchase a social-emotional curriculum currently used in Hazelwood. Enrollment in Normandy dropped by 267 students this school year.

## **Report on use of data to improve the quality of instruction**

DESE offers resources to school districts to assist them in their efforts to use data to positively impact the quality of instruction. These resources include: Teacher Student Learning Objectives; Applying a Quality Continuum; Principal Prompts for Evidence-Based Evaluations; Planning Instructional Strategies; SLO Tool for School Leaders; Deciding on Learning Content; Setting Growth Targets; Field-Tested Practical Guidance; and Quality Assessments.

## **Report from Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education**

The MACTE is the state-wide organization for the professional education programs at institutions of higher education in Missouri. The organization is represented on the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators and the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation.

MACTE is concerned that all the new assessments required for teacher certification through a college educator preparation program are reducing the number of minority and first generation college attenders preparing for a career in education. They asked for education programs to be given some flexibility with the Missouri Gateway Educator Assessments. In Kansas, teacher preparation programs can allow up to 17% of teacher candidates to join the program even if they

do not meet the cut score on part of required assessments. For example, a candidate planning to teach secondary English who has difficulty with the new math test would be able to continue and become a teacher. They reported that cooperating teachers say the Missouri Teacher Performance Assessment reduces the classroom teaching time of student teachers.

### **Report on internal release of the Annual Performance Report for educator preparation programs**

The APR for educator preparation programs are not released publicly. The intent is for higher education institutions to use the results to improve their programs. Educator preparation programs are able to see the APR for other educator preparation programs. APRs include four data points:

- Licensure assessment pass rate of program completers
- Content/program grade point average of program completers
- Preparation of 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers as reported by first year teacher survey responses
- Preparation of 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers as reported by principals of first year teachers in survey responses

### **Board adopts rule for charter school sponsorship inflation adjustment**

This rule establishes an inflation adjustment for charter sponsorship as defined in Missouri statute 160.400.11. The Department will use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for calculating the inflation adjustment. The adjustment will begin with the 2016-17 school year.

### **Board approves new rule for reviewing applications for educator certificates**

This rule outlines the procedures for reviewing applications of individuals convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed; applicants whose license has been revoked in Missouri or in another jurisdiction; and applicants seeking to appeal a denial of license by the Office of Educator Quality. The amendments to the rule will provide alignment with current statute, as well as clarify the application process for educators.

### **In other business, the state board:**

- Approved 2016-2017 school calendars for state schools. First day of school for students at the state schools for the blind and the deaf is August 22. Students at state schools for the severely disabled start school on August 17.
- Appointed Ann Franklin, MNEA retired member, to the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators representing the Missouri School Boards' Association.
- Heard legislative update on education related bills.
- Heard update on the Fiscal Year 2017 Missouri education budget.
- Disciplined the license to teach of four individuals.

The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be April 19, 2016. Missouri NEA will be there! If you have any questions, contact Brent Fullington or Ann Jarrett at 800-392-0236. Details of state board agenda items can be found at <http://dese.mo.gov/state-board-education/agendas-minutes>.

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