



Mississippi Department of Education Public Comment Hearing

Topic: Proposed Revisions to the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards (MCCRS) for Social Studies 2021

Date/time: January 28, 2022, 9 a.m. - Noon

Location: Mississippi Agricultural Museum Sparkman Auditorium, Jackson MS

Hearing Notice and Subject

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is holding a public comment hearing today about proposed revisions to the state's academic standards for social studies. The MDE filed notice of this hearing on January 5, 2022, with the Mississippi Office of the Secretary of State. The notice included instructions for signing up to speak today. The MDE posted the same hearing notice on its website on January 5, 2022, published it in The Clarion-Ledger and issued a statewide news release to publicize the event.

All people wishing to speak at this hearing were asked to register by 9 a.m. January 25. As of the deadline, 66 people had registered to speak. Each person has been allotted three minutes to speak. **There will not be a question-and-answer period.** The MDE contacted all registrants for today's hearing on January 25, 2022 and informed them of these procedures.

The hearing officer and timekeeper will assist speakers with keeping track of their time limit. Speakers may also submit their written comments or other documentation at the door and will be included in today's record of the hearing.

The original standards and proposed changes are available on the Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.ms.gov/adminsearch/ACProposed/00026052b.pdf>

This hearing is specifically about the proposed revisions. All speakers are asked to list the standard number(s) and page number(s) for the proposed revisions they are commenting on. The proposed revisions are noted in the document with editing marks. Content to be added is underlined. Strikethrough lines are used to indicate content to be removed.

Note: Based on feedback received since MDE invited public comment on the social studies standards, content examples that were initially identified to be moved to an instructional planning guide will be retained in the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards for Social Studies 2021. Therefore, readers should disregard strikethrough lines for all content examples.

Those who would like to comment on the standards may also submit their feedback in writing to MDE by February 4, 2022. Instructions on how to submit those comments are included at the end of this handout.



Revision Process and Changes

The MDE, in consultation with Mississippi educators, periodically reviews and updates the state's academic standards, which are called the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. Academic standards outline the skills and knowledge expected of students in each grade and subject. **Local school districts set their own curriculum and choose their own instructional materials.**

The MDE last updated the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards for Social Studies in 2018. As schools began to implement the standards, teachers said some standards needed more clarity and the content examples distracted from objectives. The MDE convened more than 40 Mississippi educators to participate in the revision process for the 2021 social studies standards. These revisions clarified the learning goals. The core standards remained the same.

The proposed revisions are based on research Mississippi teachers conducted of standards in other states and material from a variety of national publications and resources. The MDE made changes in consultation with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Civil Rights in Education Committee, the Mississippi Council on Economic Education, and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Just like the 2018 social studies standards, the 2021 standards focus on the mastery of the five social studies strands: civics, economics, geography, civil rights, and history. All learning objectives remain centered on conceptual understanding, fostering inquiry, collaboration and action, and integration of content skills. The Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards for Social Studies 2021 create a framework for high quality social studies instruction for all Mississippi students.

How to Submit Written Feedback

Feedback about the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards for Social Studies 2021 may also be submitted to the MDE in writing by 5 p.m. February 4 via email, jcornett@mdek12.org, or mail, Mississippi Department of Education, Attn: Jen Cornett, K - 12 Social Studies Director, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205.