

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall provide the County Board of Education with recommendation based on State Board of Education approved common core standards. He/she shall ensure the proper articulation of standards between grade levels and the alignment of the standards with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's (COE's) vision, goals, graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and other desired student outcomes. He/she also shall ensure that the standards are easily understandable and measurable.

COE curriculum, instruction, student assessments, and evaluations of the instructional program shall be aligned with state content standards.

Teachers and school administrators shall receive ongoing professional development to inform them of changes in the standards and to build their capacity to implement effective standards-based instruction and methodologies.

The County Superintendent or designee shall annually communicate the applicable standards to students and their parents/guardians to inform them of the expectations for student learning at their grade level.

Staff shall continually assess students' progress toward meeting the standards, report each student's progress to the student and his/her parents/guardians, and offer remedial assistance in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that COE standards are regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. At a minimum, COE standards shall be reviewed whenever applicable statewide standards are revised and in response to changing student needs.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**44662 Evaluation of certificated employees**51003 Statewide academic standards**60605-60605.9 Adoption of statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**6311 State academic standards and accountability for Title I, Part A**Adopted: 11/20/2015*