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**PUBLIC REVIEW OF ALABAMA COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY  
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS STANDARDS BEGINS  
TODAY**

*Feedback invaluable as ALSDE seeks to maintain highest level of rigor for students*

**Montgomery, Ala.** – The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is asking for public input specifically related to the Alabama College- and Career Ready Standards (ACCRS) in an effort to maintain the highest level of rigor and challenge for the state’s K-12 public school students.

Beginning today, October 6, 2014, through the week of December 15, 2014, the public can go to the [Standards Review Homepage](#) and offer feedback on each standard for English/Language Arts and Mathematics by grade. Each week, standards for each grade are available for review and comment, beginning with Kindergarten.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice said the goal of the [review](#) is to engage the general public, parents, educators, business and industry, and civic leaders in a general review of the standards, and to increase the depth of understanding of the standards.

“The [review](#) of the Alabama College- and Career-Ready Standards will help raise awareness of what the standards actually require students to learn and provide the Alabama State Department of Education with invaluable input on how the standards can be improved,” Bice said. “Upon completion of the review, we will take the feedback we receive and strengthen the standards where needed as we work to continually ensure that all students graduate with the knowledge and skills they need for college and career.”

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The standards in the [application](#) are arranged by subject and grade level. To respond to standards, participants must enter all required demographic information.

Review participants can select *Agree* if they are satisfied with the standard as written or *Disagree* if they would like to see a standard modified. If *Disagree* is selected, participants will be able to provide suggestions for rewriting or changing the standard.

Participants will be able to review up to 20 standards per form; however, they will have the option of submitting an additional form if they want to review more standards.

At the conclusion of the public review, the feedback generated will go to the state Mathematics and English/Language Arts Course of Study (COS) teams. The only comments that will be considered for action will be those of academic substance that are tied to a specific standard. The COS teams may then provide recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Education.

The [Alabama College- and Career-Ready Standards Review Schedule](#) is shown below.

<b>Standards Focus</b>	<b>Review Week</b>
Kindergarten	October 6
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	October 13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	October 20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	October 27
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	November 3
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	November 10
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	November 17
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	November 24
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	December 1
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Grades	December 8
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	December 15

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