

Alabama GRIT

A new website launched October 6, 2014 by the Alabama State Department of Education (ASDE) that gives parents, educators, and the public an online vehicle to review, provide feedback, and help improve the state's College and Career Ready Standards, based on the Common Core State Standards.

The [Alabama GRIT](#) team is encouraged that parents and others interested in learning more about the state's mathematics and English standards can visit the [Standards Review website](#) today through the week of December 15, 2014 to offer feedback by grade. Each week, standards for each grade are available for review and comment, beginning with Kindergarten.

"We applaud the efforts of the Alabama State Department of Education for developing the 'Standards Review' website to give parents another opportunity to participate in setting the bar our students and teachers are expected to meet inside the classroom," said **Caroline Novak**, *the president of A Plus Education Partnership and the co-chair of Alabama GRIT*. "The state's College and Career Ready Standards initiative for mathematics and English is one of the most misunderstood education efforts in recent years, and the state department's website is a convenient way for parents to learn what the standards truly entail and provide feedback on what we should expect our students to learn each year."

"We appreciate Dr. Tommy Bice's willingness to listen to parents and teachers about how to improve Alabama's mathematics and English standards so that more of our students will be prepared for college and career," said **Brenda Terry**, *the executive director of the Alabama Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education Coalition (AMSTEC) and a co-chair of Alabama GRIT*. "The site will give those closest to the classroom an opportunity to provide immediate and valuable guidance that could shape the future direction of our schools, and we encourage them to visit the website and participate."

If you would like to share the facts about the Standards Review, feel free to use the social media hashtag: [#examineALstandards](#)

According to the ASDE, upon 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.

Kindergarten	October 6
1st Grade	October 13
2nd Grade	October 20
3rd Grade	October 27
4th Grade	November 3
5th Grade	November 10
6th Grade	November 17
7th Grade	November 24
8th Grade	December 1
9th-10th Grades	December 8
11th-12th Grades	December 15

Alabama's College and Career Ready Standards for mathematics and English Language Arts were adopted by the state Board of Education in 2010 upon the recommendation of a committee made up of Alabama parents and teachers. The Board voted to reaffirm its adoption of the standards in 2011 and Alabama's public schools began implementing the mathematics standards in the 2012-13 school year, and English during the 2013-14 school year.

Thank you and have a great day!

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