

Administrative Memo

Date: June 20, 2014
To: School Administrators
From: Sharon Helwig, Ph.D. – Assistant Commissioner
Subject: CCR-14-009 – Clarification of the Missouri Learning Standards and HB 1490

The purpose of this Administrative Memo is to provide clarification around the implementation of the Missouri Learning Standards in light of HB 1490.

School districts need to incorporate the new English language arts and mathematics Missouri Learning Standards into their curriculum and fully integrate the content expectations into classroom instruction for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years based on HB 1490. Students should have access to updated instructional content in order to provide preparation for the updated English language arts and mathematics state assessments which will be deployed in spring 2015. The current English language arts and mathematics content standards were adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010 and most districts have been moving toward full implementation of the new English language arts and mathematics Missouri Learning Standards with many districts participating in the assessment field test in spring, 2014.

HB 1490 provided a structure and timeline for changes to the English language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics Missouri Learning Standards. Should HB 1490 be signed by the Governor or any veto overridden, updated English language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics content will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year.

Numerous resources have been provided on the Department's Missouri Learning Standards web page (<http://www.missourilearningstandards.com/>). In addition, two cohorts of educators across the state are available to come to districts to provide on-site information and support. Those names with contact information are located at <http://www.missourilearningstandards.com/ela/certified-trainers/> (English language arts) and <http://www.missourilearningstandards.com/math/certified-trainers/> (mathematics).