

## 1999

- State Board establishes academic standards in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening (RWSL) and Mathematics.
- Board makes a commitment via a provision of Chapter 4 to review state academic standards and assessments every 3 years to determine if they are appropriate, clear, specific and challenging, and to make revisions as necessary via Chapter 4. (*The Board deferred its review of academic standards until all 12 content areas were finalized – the last set of standards in Career Education and Work was completed in July 2006*).

## 2007

- State Board announces its intention to initiate a review of academic standards.
- State Board engages Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) to coordinate the standards review process and convene teams of Pennsylvania educators to consolidate, clarify and update the standards.
- The following standards were included in this review: RWSL; Mathematics; Science and Technology; Environment and Ecology; History; Civics and Government; Economics; and, Geography. A plan was developed for the RWSL and Mathematics revisions to be completed first, and standards for science and social studies next.

## 2008

- July 2008: State Board announces it will hold three public hearings on proposed revisions to academic standards in RWSL and Mathematics in Harrisburg (August 6, 2008), Easton (August 15, 2008) and Clarion (August 21, 2008). (*According to Board records, only one hearing attracted interest and, as a result, the other two were cancelled.*)
- Proposed standards revisions are publicly posted on the Board's website.
- September 19, 2008: State Board votes to approve proposed revisions to academic standards in RWSL and Mathematics.

## 2009

- April 12, 2009: Proposed revisions to RWSL and Mathematics standards transmitted to Policy, Budget and OGC for review.
- 2009 generally: Common Core emerges as a policy goal of NGA, CCSSO and more than 45 states and territories.
- June 4, 2009: Governor Rendell and Secretary Zahorchak act to join the Common Core initiative.
- September 9, 2009: State Board notifies Policy, Budget and OGC that it is withdrawing proposed revisions to the state's RWSL and Mathematics standards.

## 2010

- May 6, 2010: Dr. Suzanne Lane, University of Pittsburgh, presents a Common Core alignment study commissioned by the State Board at a public meeting of the Board.
- State Board holds regional public roundtables to present the Common Core alignment study and gather feedback (May 21 – Pittsburgh; May 27 – State College; June 9 – Philadelphia). Invitations to roundtables were sent to IU Executive Directors and the Board's stakeholders' list, in addition to the required Sunshine Act notifications.

- May 4, 2010: State Board Executive Directors testifies at a Senate Education Committee hearing on Common Core Standards.
- Pennsylvania educators begin review of standards to finalize Pennsylvania Common Core Standards.
- Common Core Standards are posted on the Board's website for public review and comment.
- Consistent with commitments outlined in the state's RTTT Fund applications, including the application submitted June 2, 2010, the State Board made written public notice of its intent to adopt Common Core two weeks prior to its July 1, 2010 meeting.
- July 1, 2010: State Board adopts Common Core Standards (this meeting includes 3 additional opportunities for public comment).
- Anchor/Eligible Content aligned to standards in Math and English Language Arts.

## 2012

- February 2012: State Board announces it will hold 3 public hearings on Chapter 4 related to Keystone Exams (February 29 – Norristown; March 7 – Pittsburgh; March 14 – Harrisburg). (*Pittsburgh hearing is cancelled because no one registered to testify*).
- March 2012: Draft proposed revisions to Chapter 4 are presented at a public meeting of the Board for discussion. Jean Dyszel appears before the Board to discuss the draft proposed Pennsylvania Common Core Standards.
- May 10, 2012: State Board approves proposed revisions to Chapter 4; proposed revisions, including proposed Pennsylvania Common Core Standards, are posted on the State Board's website.
- September 20, 2012: Proposed revisions to Chapter 4 are transmitted to the Senate and House Education Committees, IRRC and the Legislative Reference Bureau.
- October 6, 2012: Proposed revisions to Chapter 4 are published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for an official 30-day public comment period. (*As required by law, all comments are transmitted to the Senate and House Education Committees and IRRC within 5 days of receipt.*)

## 2013

- March 14, 2013: State Board approves final-form revisions to Chapter 4.
- May 14, 2013: House Education Committee informational hearing on Common Core.
- May 15, 2013: Senate Education Committee informational hearing on Common Core.