



**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION**

**Proposed Timeline for the Review and Revision of the
*South Carolina Academic Standards for the
Natural Sciences and Engineering 2013***

2011-12 School Year	
January	Solicit recommendations for review and writing panels from district superintendents, instructional leadership and professional organizations; South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) notifies the State Board of Education (SBE) of the timeline by which the SC Academic Standards for Science will be updated
February	Select and notify writing and review panel members for the SCDE and the EOC; begin development of electronic field review survey tool internally
March—April	Convene SCDE and EOC panels to review current standards; panel reports submitted to SCDE and EOC
April—July	Revise standards based on feedback from SCDE and EOC review panels (by the SCDE writing panel)
2012-13 School Year	
August—February	Continued revision of standards based on feedback from SCDE and EOC review panels (by the SCDE writing panel); plan regional or virtual information sessions held to inform schools and districts about the standards document and the field review process period
January—February	Develop online feedback survey tool
March—May	Conduct field review through online feedback survey posted to SCDE web site; offer regional or virtual information sessions to inform schools and districts about the draft standards document and the field review process period
May	Compile field review feedback
May—July	Revise and edit draft standards based on field review feedback
2013-14 School Year	
August 12	Submit synopsis and draft standards to the SBE for inclusion on the agenda
September 11	Submit standards to SBE for first reading approval
September 23	Submit standards to the ASA of the EOC for committee recommendation to the full EOC
October 14	Submit standards to full EOC for approval
November 13	Submit standards to SBE for second reading approval
January—July	Develop and provide professional development to support the understanding and implementation of the revised standards; Use revised standards in classrooms during the 2014-15 school year
2014-15 School Year	
August	Teachers use the <i>South Carolina Academic Standards for the Natural Sciences and Engineering 2013</i> as adopted by the SBE

Note:

References to SBE meeting dates are subject to change based on SBE schedule changes.

References to professional development activities and assessment item development are contingent upon approval from the SCDE Offices of Teacher Effectiveness and Assessment.