



NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHAPTER 4: ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Education (Board) will conduct a series of regional public hearings to receive input from interested parties on draft amendments to Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessment), including recommendations for amending the academic standards for Career Education and Work, Economics, and Family and Consumer Sciences and recommendations to establish new academic standards in Personal Finance.

Recommendations pertaining to the aforementioned academic standards were developed by appointed committees of educators and other content experts as part of a periodic review of these standards initiated by the Board's Committee on Academic Standards/Chapter 4 in the fall of 2022. These recommendations were submitted to the Board for its consideration and are available on the Board's website. At the same time, the Board is considering other amendments to Chapter 4, and those draft amendments are posted in a draft Annex that also is available on the Board's website at www.stateboard.education.pa.gov. The Board will accept testimony that is germane to these draft amendments to Chapter 4 and to these recommendations on academic standards.

The current regulations at 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4 are available at the following link: https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/secure/pacode/data/022/chapter4/022_0004.pdf

Public Hearing Registration

Individuals must register in advance to present testimony at a hearing. Testimony is limited to no more than 10 minutes, and participants will be assigned a time slot on a first come, first served basis when they register. If a hearing site reaches capacity, the Board will place interested participants on a waiting list and will notify members of the waiting list if space becomes available. Each hearing will conclude after the last scheduled witness testifies.

In order to accommodate as many perspectives as possible, individuals representing an organization are limited to one time slot and that organization may only present testimony at one hearing location. However, the hearings are public meetings of the Board and, therefore, members of the public are free to attend and observe the proceedings.

Persons interested in presenting testimony must register with the Board office at ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov or (717) 787-3787 Monday through Friday (excluding

holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Registrations must be received by the deadline listed for each hearing location below. Registrations submitted via email must include your name, affiliation, phone number, email address, and the date and location of the hearing in which you would like to participate.

Those registered to testify must provide 6 hard copies of their written testimony at the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend a hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate should contact Stephanie Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Board, at ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov or (717) 787-3787, to discuss how the Board may best accommodate their needs. Persons with disabilities are invited to submit public comments in alternative formats such as Braille or taped testimony and by means of the telephone. Written and alternative formats of public comment will be afforded the same thoughtful consideration as oral remarks.

Schedule of Hearings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 13, 2023	Pennsylvania Department of Education 333 Market Street Honors Suite, 1 st Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126	10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	September 8 at Noon
September 14, 2023	Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 2 West Lafayette St. Valley Forge B, 1 st Floor Norristown, PA 19401	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	September 8 at Noon
September 25, 2023	Allegheny County Intermediate Unit 475 East Waterfront Dr. IMS Meeting Room Homestead, PA 15120	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	September 21 at Noon

Written Comments

Individuals unable to attend a public hearing may submit written testimony directly to the Board on or before September 29, 2023. Written comments may be sent electronically or in hard copy to: ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov or State Board of Education, 333 Market Street, 1st Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126.