NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Timeline for Nebraska Academic Standards Review for College and Career Readiness

(Adopted by the State Board of Education August 9, 2013)

The Nebraska State Board of Education's Number One Goal is to "Improve achievement outcomes for all students". One way to do this is to ensure that all Nebraska students graduate from high school being fully prepared for college and career. To accomplish this it is imperative that Nebraska has rigorous K-12 academic standards in place that prepare students to do just that. In addition Section 79-760.01 states "The State Board of Education shall develop a plan to review and update standards for each subject area every five years." The Nebraska Language Arts Standards and Mathematics Standards were adopted in 2009.

The following timeline meets the intent of the Statute to ensure that rigorous K-12 academic standards are in place that will prepare students to be college and career ready. Because of the dates of original adoption, this timeline focuses only on the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

March – June 2013

- Conduct an alignment study between the Common Core State Standards and the Nebraska Academic Standards in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

June – October 2013

- Review the results of the alignment study and prepare a report for the State Board – Language Arts delivered in August. Mathematics to be delivered in September.
- Review Standards for ACT, SAT and the NAEP frameworks for changes that have been made since 2009.
- Review NeSA results to identify gaps in the current standards.

October 2013

- Convene Higher Education representatives from all public Nebraska universities, state colleges, and community colleges to review 2009 standards for college and career readiness. Identify areas for improvement.

October – December 2013

- Convene writing groups to review all data collected to this point and revise standards as needed.

January 2014

- Present 1st draft of College and Career Ready Language Arts Standards to the State Board.

March 2014

- Present 1st draft of College and Career Ready Mathematics Standards to the State Board.