

# Education Reform

## Standards Revision

- Mathematics, science, social studies and English language arts must be revised.
  - Revision must be adopted by **June 30, 2010**
  - Model curricula for these standards must be adopted by **March 31, 2011**
- Following the first set, fine arts and foreign language standards and model curriculum will be revised.
- Standards and model curriculum will be created for computer literacy, financial literacy and entrepreneurship and business education.
- ODE will develop model curricula for instruction in college and career readiness and financial literacy for grades 7-12.
- Standards must specify the content and skills needed to allow each student to be prepared for “*postsecondary instruction and the workplace for success in the twenty-first century.*”
- Standard and model curriculum must place emphasis on:
  - **Coherence** - A reflection of the structure of the discipline being taught
  - **Focus** - Limiting the number of items included in a curriculum to allow for deeper exploration of the subject matter
  - **Rigor** - Challenging and demanding when compared to international standards
- All standards will now be reviewed every five years.

## New Assessment System

- Ohio Graduation Tests will be replaced by a three-part assessment system:
  - **Nationally standardized assessment**
    - Science, mathematics and English language arts
  - **Series of end-of-course exams**
    - Science, mathematics, English language arts and social studies
  - **Senior project**
    - Student or group of students, assess chosen content and skills
  - There will be a **composite score** for graduation.
  - Work on the new assessment system must begin by **May 1, 2011**
- The writing and social studies Ohio Achievement Tests have been **suspended**.
  - Applies for school years 2009-10 and 2010-11
  - The OGT writing and social studies tests will still be administered.
- The number of performance level descriptors will be reduced from five to three:

Advanced	→	Advanced
Accelerated		
Proficient	→	Proficient
Basic		
Limited	→	Limited

- Reading and writing Ohio Achievement Tests will be combined to create an English language arts assessment.
- For more information, visit: [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov), keyword: Education Reform Plan

## Ohio Core's Change in Graduation Requirements

Subject	Credits Required		Notes
	Current	Class of 2014	
English Language Arts	4	4	
Health	½	½	
Mathematics	3	4	Algebra II or Equivalent
Physical Education	½	½	Students May be Exempted
Science	3	3	Must include on Physical, Life and Advanced Course. Inquiry-based
Social Studies	3	3	American History American Government Financial Literacy
Electives	6	5	
Fine Arts	0	1	Two Half Units