

Subject:

ACTION: Alternate Achievement Science Standards

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the committee forward a recommendation to the Board approve the adoption of the Dynamic Learning Map's Alternate Science Standards and approve convening a stakeholder group to write Alternate Achievement Science Standards that align with the few Utah specific SEEd standards not addressed in DLM's Science Standards.

Background:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that the Utah State Board of Education have Alternate Achievement Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Staff will present the Dynamic Learning Map's (DLM) Alternate Achievement Science Standards for grades K-12 for proposed adoption by the Board.

However, with the USBE's recent adoption of SEEd Standards in grades K-5 and 9-12, the DLM Alternate Achievement Science Standards do not cover the entire breadth of the SEEd Standards for those grades, so USBE needed to consider adding Standards for these grade levels.

The USBE Special Education Section staff assembled a group of stakeholders to review the newly adopted USBE SEEd Standards and the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) Consortium's Alternate Achievement Science Standards. This stakeholder group has recommended that USBE should adopt the DLM's Alternate Achievement Science Standards and also convene a stakeholder group to write Alternate Achievement Science Standards to align with the few Utah-specific SEEd Standards not addressed in DLM's Science Standards.

The USBE will be updated at all required points during the process according to the Standards Review Process.

https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/Science/Science_EEs_Combined.pdf

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Attachments:

1. Alternate Achievement Science Standards Update and Process
2. Standards Revision Process Draft 1 as amended (1)