

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



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DRAFT SCIENCE STANDARDS

The Offices of Academic Standards and Exceptional Children is pleased to share the first draft of science standards. The comment period for the draft science standards will close on December 18. We encourage all Public School Units to share this information regarding the draft surveys (K-12 and Extended Content Standards) with their stakeholders.

State Board of Education policy specifies that the NC Department of Public Instruction will formally collect feedback from educators, administrators, parents, students, institutions of higher education, business/industry representatives, national organizations, and other education agencies on each draft of the revised K-12 Science Standards and the Science Extended Content Standards. Every Student Succeeds Act allows states to adopt alternate academic achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities if they are aligned with the challenging state academic standards noted above and reflect professional judgment as to the highest possible standards achievable by such students. These alternate academic achievement standards in North Carolina are called the Extended Content Standards.

This survey aims to obtain input from each PSU on the K-12 Science Extended Content Standards to inform revision decisions, which may include changes, clarifications, additions, deletions, or replacements to the current standards. Please complete the survey using the [stakeholder input link](#).

Important Links

- [Office of Special Education Programs](#) (U.S. Dept. of Ed.)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [Office of Exceptional Children](#) (NC)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.



ECAC's Youth Advisory Team is seeking entries for the next issue of YEP - Young Exceptional Perspectives. YEP's NCGT column was created to put a spotlight on the many talents and abilities of NC Youth & Young Adults with Disabilities ages 5 to 25. The format of submissions can be a poem, artwork, blog, video, song, essay, article, presentation, an "About me" article", you name it. ECAC's Youth Advisory Team will review the submissions and choose which ones to feature in our next newsletter. Selected entries will receive a \$25 Visa gift card in the mail!

Deadline for submissions is 5 pm on Monday, January 16, 2023. [Click here](#) for the entry form.

You can find previous newsletters in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

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