



About the R11CC

The Region 11 Comprehensive Center (R11CC) is one of 19 regional centers across the nation that helps state education agencies implement, scale, and sustain evidence-based programs, practices, and interventions that support improved educator and student outcomes.



Evaluating Nebraska's State Content Area Standards Revision Process

Need: The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is partnering with the R11CC and the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to support the NDE with an external review of the department's content area standards revision process. The NDE and the Nebraska State Board of Education determined that to better serve stakeholders across the state, an evaluation of their standards revision process was needed before the next round of standards revisions, currently scheduled for fall 2023.

How we're helping: Over the yearlong project, the R11CC, in partnership with AIR, will conduct a landscape review, including similar states and research findings, and work to identify key elements of comprehensive standards review processes. This work will guide a review of Nebraska's standards revision process, collection of input from diverse stakeholders, and the development of guidance and recommendations.

This year, we're helping our partners to:

- Identify the need for the evaluation, foster a greater understanding of the process among all partners, and create a logic model to inform the work.
- Conduct research around the types of standards-based education used in the United States and then create a draft summary of the findings.
- Use the research to identify areas for improvement in the Nebraska academic standards review process.
- Develop guidance and recommendations documents that will be shared with the Nebraska Department of Education and other community partners.

What we plan to accomplish: The completed work will allow the NDE to have a transparent, evidence-based process for future content standards revisions.

To learn more, please contact R11CC Co-directors Joe Simpson at jsimpson@mcrel.org (307.222.5261) and/or Susan Shebby at sshebby@mcrel.org (303.632.5613).

The contents of this document were developed by the Region 11 Comprehensive Center under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. However, the contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal government.