

Mustang Public Schools

Office of Assistant Superintendent



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Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Superintendent Joy Hofmeister,

Mustang Public Schools is writing this letter to show our support for the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Math and ELA. As a school district, we have conducted several standard reviews that included teachers, administrators and specialists. We have also sent teachers and administrators to participate in standard reviews with other groups across the state. From these numerous opportunities, it has been determined that these standards are a quality product and will benefit the students of Oklahoma. The outstanding qualities of these standards are endless and can become very detailed. Here are a few exceptional points we have identified:

- Methodical, inclusive approach to writing the standards
- Standards are placed at developmentally appropriate levels
- Research was a driving factor for the standards
- Oklahoma teachers were involved in the standards' writing process so the standards are truly Oklahoma standards
- Input was collected and addressed three different times from school experts across the state
- The documents are comprehensive including glossary, examples and research
- Comprehensive nature of the standards makes them user friendly from the new teacher to the master teacher
- Standards provide an explicit systematic alignment through a complete vertical progression
- Mathematical actions and processes are integrated
- Reading and writing processes are parallel and taught together

It is with much thought and review that Mustang Public Schools endorses these standards in the manner they are presented. It is imperative that the standards are not adjusted or changed through the approval process.

Furthermore, please feel free to share this information on with the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and/or any other interested entities during the approval process.

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