

EQS Committee - 5/13/22

CHARGE:

Pursuant to [Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes, Chapter 3](#), the State Board of Education is responsible for the establishment, advancement, and evaluation of public education policy. The powers and duties of the Board include making [regulations](#) governing: attendance and records of attendance of all pupils, standards for student performance, adult basic education programs, approval of independent schools, disbursement of funds, and equal access for all Vermont students to a quality education. The governing regulations are outlined in the [State Board of Education Rules](#).

The State Board of Education Education Quality Standards (EQS) Committee is charged with updating Vermont's [Education Quality Standards](#) (Rule Series 2000), for compliance with Vermont [Act 1](#), and other recommendations from AOE or others for the purpose of policy coherence and alignment. The EQS is the body of state education rules that set standards for educational quality and equal educational opportunity in Vermont.

This committee will review these rules in the context of the relevant legal framework, recommendations from Act 1, and others, and the committee will identify changes in language to existing rules, as well as changes to statute that are necessary to implement the revised rules. The Committee's work will include careful review of existing statutory requirements, recommendations of the Act 1 working group and the AOE, and substantive stakeholder input.

DRAFT WORK PLAN:

Full draft by November board meeting; vote by December board meeting;

2 meetings/month;

May-August: review relevant legal framework, recommended changes from Act 1 group, other recommended changes (AOE and others)

September: Updated Draft EQS then virtual Public Hearing(s)

November: Draft EQS document for full board consideration

December: potential vote of the SBE

January-February: potential vote of the SBE; filing with ICAR

ICAR, Public Comment, Respond to/Incorporate Public Comment, LCAR