



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Recommendations from the Assembly Select Committee on Common Core Standards

Based on four public hearings and the input of hundreds of individuals, the following recommendations have been crafted. I would like to thank the committee members for their active involvement in the entire process. It is our hope these recommendations will lead to improvements in Wisconsin's educational system.

1. The legislature should modify current law to ensure the privacy of student data.
2. The legislature should restrict the collection of biometric student data.
3. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) should create a STEM-based addendum to Wisconsin 9-12 standards.
4. The legislature should affirm the existing authority of Wisconsin K-12 public school boards to:
 - A. Choose and adopt their own local academic standards.
 - B. Choose and adopt their own curricular materials.
 - C. Choose and adopt their own instructional methods.
5. The legislature should establish a statutory process for the continued review and adoption of model academic standards that reasserts legislative control and includes substantial public input. That process should include review and consideration of Wisconsin's prior revision attempts, incorporating the mathematic and English language arts standards that were revised and completed in 2009. Additionally, the process should begin with a review of mathematics and English language arts standards.
6. The legislature urges DPI to refrain from adopting any Common Core-related or any other curricular materials. These decisions are best left to local school boards.
7. The legislature should aggressively oppose any direct or indirect effort by the federal government to further intrude into Wisconsin K-12 education. Academic standards shall be adopted locally, without federal interference, and statewide assessments shall be adopted at the state level, upon the approval of the legislature.
8. Wisconsin is best served by creating Wisconsin-based educational standards.