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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Standards for the Preparation of Elementary Integrated Science Teachers

In pursuit of its goal to improve teacher quality, the State Board of Education receives proposals for the adoption and revision of program standards for teacher preparation. Proposed standards are developed to reflect and support Michigan's K-12 Curriculum Framework and Benchmarks, as well as standards adopted by national professional/specialty area organizations.

Over the last several years, a referent group reflecting the interests of public and independent teacher preparation institutions and K-12 teachers worked on the development of standards for the preparation of integrated science teachers. The committee began its work by reviewing the Michigan Curriculum Framework for science and standards for the preparation of teachers as developed by the National Science Teachers Association to ensure alignment with both documents. This integrated science (DI) endorsement will replace the current general science (DX) endorsement, which will be phased out of use.

Ongoing feedback from K-12 schools and teacher preparation institutions from 2000 through 2002 was utilized in making significant revisions to an earlier proposal. A draft was forwarded to selected groups/organizations, all Michigan teacher preparation institutions, and a random sample of intermediate and local school districts for review and comment in September 2000. As presented in Attachment 1, the standards reflect the feedback received. Additional information regarding the standards development and review process is provided in Attachment 2.

The proposal was reviewed by the Board-appointed Professional Standards Commission for Teachers and is recommended for adoption by the State Board of Education.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the standards for the preparation of elementary integrated science teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 24, 2002.

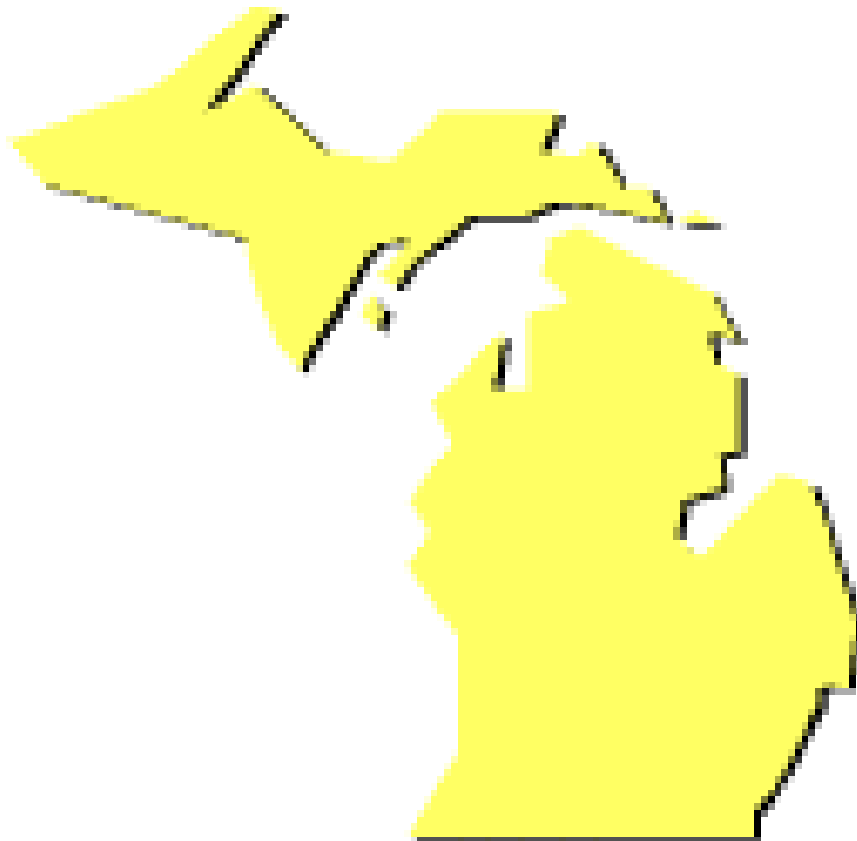
Proposal to the
Michigan State Board of Education
For the Preparation of Teachers

DI
Integrated Science
(Elementary)

Submitted by the
Office of Professional Preparation Services
July 24, 2002

Standards for the Preparation of Teachers

DI Integrated Science (Elementary)



Adopted by the Michigan State Board of Education
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Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Integrated Science (Elementary) DI Endorsement

Preface

Development of the Proposal

Over the last several years, a referent group of professional educators developed a proposal to adopt standards for the preparation of integrated science teachers. These standards align with standards developed by the National Science Teachers Association and the Michigan Curriculum Framework for science education.

An elementary integrated science endorsement prepares candidates to teach integrated science in grades K-5, and also to teach biology, chemistry, physics, and earth/space science in grades 6-8, in courses designed to meet the Michigan Curriculum Framework science standards. The preparation of integrated science teachers includes courses of study in each of the three major categories of science identified in the Michigan Curriculum Framework: Life Sciences, Physical Science, and Earth/Space Science. The Elementary Integrated Science Endorsement requires either a group major with a minimum of 36 semester hours distributed among the three major categories for a balance of credits across the areas, or a group minor with a minimum of 24 semester hours among the three major categories. Candidates who apply for the DI endorsement (elementary) must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification integrated science test at the elementary level for their elementary certificate.

To provide information and gather feedback on the proposal, a copy was also forwarded to selected groups/organizations, all Michigan teacher preparation institutions, and a random sample of intermediate and local school districts for review and comment. As presented in this document, the standards reflect the feedback received.

State Board adoption of these standards typically leads to the creation of a new certification test for teachers prepared to teach elementary integrated science. Test development for a new Michigan Test for Teacher Certification in elementary integrated science will be scheduled according to the recommendation of the Standing Technical Advisory Council.

Approval of Programs

Teacher preparation institutions that wish to continue to offer programs to prepare elementary integrated science teachers are required to submit an application for program approval that demonstrates how the new standards are met throughout the proposed curriculum. The programs must be re-approved to show compliance with the new standards. Following initial approval, the teacher preparation program will be reviewed every five years through the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation process.

Content Guidelines/Standards Matrix

College/University	Code	DI
Source of Guidelines/Standards	Michigan State Board of Education, 2002	Program/Subject Area
		Integrated Science (Elementary)

A – Awareness

The integrated science teacher recognizes/recalls the existence of different aspects of integrated science and related teaching strategies.

B – Basic Understanding

The integrated science teacher articulates knowledge about integrated science and related instructional and assessment strategies. The integrated science teacher demonstrates proficiency in using the knowledge at a fundamental level of competence acceptable for teaching.

C – Comprehensive Understanding

The integrated science teacher is able to apply broad, in-depth knowledge of the different aspects of integrated science in a variety of settings. (This level is not intended to reflect mastery; all teachers are expected to be lifelong learners.)

An integrated science endorsement prepares a teacher to teach integrated science at the elementary level in courses designed to meet the Michigan Curriculum Framework science standards. The preparation of integrated science teachers includes courses of study in each of the three major categories of science identified in the Michigan Curriculum Framework: Life Sciences, Physical Science, and Earth/Space Science. The Elementary Integrated Science Endorsement requires a group major with a minimum of 36 semester hours distributed among the three major categories for a balance of credits across the areas. Candidates choosing an elementary integrated science course of study may elect a comprehensive group major earning 50 semester hours distributed among the three major categories with no additional minor area of study. Candidates who apply for the DI Endorsement (elementary) must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification integrated science test at the elementary level for their elementary certificate.

DIRECTIONS: List required courses on matrix and provide additional narrative to explain how standards are met. If electives are included, they should be clearly indicated. Adjust size of cells as needed.

Guideline/Standard		Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
Submit a narrative that explains how this program:		Group Minor	Group Minor
A.	uses the Michigan Curriculum Framework K-12 Science Content Standards and Benchmarks as the critical foundation for teacher preparation, ensuring that elementary integrated science teachers have the content knowledge and the ability to teach this curriculum; and		
B.	develops an understanding of the interconnectedness of all science, along with major unifying themes, and relates this understanding to the teaching of science; and		
C.	prepares candidates to understand and teach biology, chemistry, physics, and earth/space science as integrated content.		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Level of Proficiency	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
			Group Minor	Group Major
	The preparation of elementary integrated science teachers will enable them to:			
1.0	understand and develop the major concepts and principles of biology, chemistry, earth/space science, and physics, which may include such topics as the following:			
1.1	Cellular Function, including			
1.1.1	cell theory	B		
1.1.2	cell types	B		
1.1.3	cell structure and function	C		
1.1.4	protein synthesis	A		
1.1.5	cell division (mitosis & meiosis)	A		
1.2	Organization of Living Things, including			
1.2.1	life cycles (including sexual and asexual reproduction)	C		
1.2.2	living and non-living	C		
1.2.3	systems	C		
1.2.4	classification	B		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Level of Proficiency	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
			Group Minor	Group Major
1.2.5	growth and development (embryology, etc.)	A		
1.2.6	photosynthesis	B		
1.2.7	cellular respiration	B		
1.3	Concepts of Heredity, including			
1.3.1	Mendelian genetics	B		
1.3.2	traits passed from one generation to the next	C		
1.3.3	molecular genetics (structure of DNA)	A		
1.3.4	modern genetics (electrophoresis, genetic engineering, DNA fingerprinting, etc.)	A		
1.3.5	environmental effects on heredity	B		
1.4	Evolutionary Change, including			
1.4.1	diversity/speciation	A		
1.4.2	theory of evolution (adaptation, variation, and natural selection and relationships between species, including human)	B		
1.4.3	fossils/ancient life	B		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Level of Proficiency	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
			Group Minor	Group Major
1.4.4	extinction	B		
1.5	Ecological Systems, including			
1.5.1	community relationships, including predator/prey and symbiosis	C		
1.5.2	population	A		
1.5.3	transfer of energy (food chains/webs)	C		
1.5.4	biogeochemical cycles	B		
1.5.5	human impact	B		
1.6	Human Biology, including			
1.6.1	anatomy and physiology	B		
1.6.2	disease and immunology	A		
1.6.3	health habits	B		
1.6.4	resource management	C		
1.6.5	human population growth and diversity	B		
1.7	Earth/Space Science, including			
1.7.1	lithosphere and historical geology	B		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Level of Proficiency	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
			Group Minor	Group Major
1.7.2	hydrosphere	C		
1.7.3	atmosphere, weather, climate	C		
1.7.4	astronomy	B		
1.8	Chemistry and Physics: Major Concepts and Principles of Physics and Chemistry			
1.8.1	Inorganic Chemistry, including			
1.8.1.1	atomic/molecular structure and bonding	B		
1.8.1.2	stoichiometry	B		
1.8.1.3	gas laws	B		
1.8.1.4	states of matter	C		
1.8.1.5	equilibria	A		
1.8.1.6	acid-bases	B		
1.8.1.7	electrochemistry	A		
1.8.1.8	nomenclature	A		
1.8.1.9	qualitative analysis	A		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Level of Proficiency	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
			Group Minor	Group Major
1.8.2	Physics, including			
1.8.2.1	mechanics	B		
1.8.2.2	electricity and magnetism	B		
1.8.2.3	thermodynamics	A		
1.8.2.4	waves, vibrations, and optics	B		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
		Group Major	Group Major
	The preparation of elementary integrated science teachers will enable them to:		
2.0	apply mathematics, including statistics, to investigations in the sciences, including the analysis of data;		
3.0	relate the study of science to contemporary, historical, technological, and societal issues; in particular, relate the concepts of science to current controversies such as cloning, genetically-modified food, the use of energy, exploitation of resources, global changes, and medical research, as well as other issues;		
4.0	locate appropriate resources, design and conduct inquiry-based open-ended scientific investigations, interpret findings, communicate results, and make judgments based on evidence;		
5.0	construct new knowledge for themselves through research, reading and discussion, and reflect in an informed way on the role of science in human affairs;		

No.	Guideline/Standard	Courses and/or Experiences that Fulfill the Guideline for Elementary Programs	
		Group Major	Group Major
6.0	understand and promote the maintenance of a safe science classroom as identified by the Council of State Science Supervisors, including the ethical and appropriate use and care for living organisms and scientific equipment, and the safe storage, use, and disposal of chemicals;		
7.0	demonstrate competence in the practice of teaching as defined within the Entry Level Standards for Michigan Teachers;		
8.0	create and maintain an educational environment in which conceptual understanding will occur for all science students;		
9.0	develop an understanding and appreciation for the nature of scientific inquiry; and		
10.0	demonstrate competence in the practice of teaching through investigative experiences and by demonstrating the application of the scientific process and in assessing student learning through multiple processes.		

List for Distribution of Draft Standards

DI Integrated Science (Elementary)

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for
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science, Earth/Space Science,
Integrated Science – Elementary, and Integrated Science – Elementary**

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Educational Organizations

Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Michigan

Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs

* Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools

Michigan Association of School Administrators

Michigan Association of School Boards

Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators

Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals

Michigan Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development

Michigan Association of Teacher Educators

Michigan Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students

Michigan Deans' Council

* Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association

Michigan Education Association

Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association

Michigan Federation of Teachers & School Related Personnel

Michigan Science Teachers Association

Middle Cities Education Association

Professional Standards Commission for Teachers

* Indicates submission of a response

Teacher Preparation Institutions
DI Integrated Science (Elementary)

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| * Adrian College | * Madonna University |
| Albion College | * Marygrove College |
| Alma College | * Michigan State University |
| * Andrews University | Michigan Technological University |
| Aquinas College | Northern Michigan University |
| Calvin College | * Oakland University |
| Central Michigan University | Olivet College |
| Concordia University | Saginaw Valley State University |
| Cornerstone University | Siena Heights University |
| * Eastern Michigan University | * Spring Arbor University |
| Ferris State University | * University of Michigan – Dearborn |
| * Grand Valley State University | University of Michigan – Flint |
| Hillsdale College | University of Detroit Mercy |
| Hope College | * University of Michigan |
| * Kalamazoo College | * Wayne State University |
| Lake Superior State University | * Western Michigan University |

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Local School Districts
DI Integrated Science (Elementary)

Armada Area Schools	Kalkaska Public Schools
Bangor Public Schools	Lansing School District
Van Buren Public Schools	Lakeview Community Schools
Boyne Falls Public Schools	Mackinac Island Public Schools
Atherton Community Schools	Marshall-Mar Lee School District
* Carsonville-Port Sanilac Schools	Middleton-Fulton Schools
Clare Public Schools	Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools
Constantine Schools	New Haven Community Schools
Decatur Public Schools	Okemos Public Schools
East China School District	Paradise-Whitefish Township Schools
* Engadine Consolidated Schools	Pinconning Area Schools
Flat Rock Community Schools	Reading Community Schools
Fruitport Community Schools	Rogers City Area Schools
Grand Marais-Burt Township Schools	Scottville-Mason County Central Schools
Hamilton Community Schools	
Hastings School District	
* Hanover-Horton Schools	
Iron Mountain-North Dickinson County Schools	

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**Intermediate School Districts (ISD)
DI Integrated Science (Elementary)**

Allegan County
Charlevoix-Emmet
Dickinson-Iron
Huron
Ionia County
Lapeer
Mason-Lake
Newaygo
St. Joseph
Washtenaw

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NOTE: Additional responses were received anonymously.