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NEXT-GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The second draft of the Next-Generation Science Standards (NGSS) is now available for public review. The NGSS may be accessed at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/next-generation-science-standards>.

The second draft of the standards resulted from tens of thousands of comments submitted during the first public review in May 2011 and subsequent state review. This draft also includes guidelines for how NGSS aligns to college and career readiness goals.

The Kentucky Department of Education encourages educators, parents, lawmakers, business people, scientists, engineers and all others interested in science education to review the second draft of the standards and submit their comments online. The public review period continues through January 29 and is an important opportunity for Kentucky residents to provide input on the standards that will guide how our nation's students will learn science for years to come.

It has been more than 15 years since the previous set of science standards was developed.

In 2009, Senate Bill 1, passed by Kentucky General Assembly, required that subject-area standards taught in the public school system be revised. The standards must be aligned with entry-level college course requirements and be developed with input from teachers, postsecondary faculty and others.

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In 2011, Kentucky, along with 25 other states, was chosen as a lead state in the development of the NGSS. The process is directed by [Achieve, Inc.](#), a non-partisan education non-profit organization.

The NGSS are rigorous and internationally benchmarked standards designed to prepare students for college and/or careers and enable them to pursue expanding employment opportunities in science-related fields. The final standards are scheduled to be released in March 2013.

The NGSS have been developed based on a vision for science education established by the [Framework for K-12 Science Education](#) published by the National Research Council in 2011.

Additional information about the framework and the NGSS is available from <http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/sci/pages/next-generation-science-standards.aspx>

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