Tennessee State Board of Education **Agenda**
January 30, 2015 **Final Reading Item: III. I.**

Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, & Communications Course Standards

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The Background:

Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board of Education to adopt curriculum standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system. Adopted textbooks are also to be aligned with the state curriculum standards. Section 3.205 Approved High School Courses of the State Board of Education Policy identifies those courses which have been approved by the Board for instruction across the state.

The Department of Education's Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) is proposing changes to approved course standards in the Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, & Communications career cluster. This item includes new and revised courses within this career cluster that are now better aligned with postsecondary pathways, incorporate added instructional rigor by embedding Tennessee State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects and where applicable Mathematics, and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state.

Courses included in this item:

A/V Production I	Revised/Renamed Course
A/V Production II	Revised/Renamed Course
A/V Production III	Revised/Renamed Course
Digital Arts & Design I	Revised Course
Digital Arts & Design II	Revised Course
Digital Arts & Design III	Revised Course
Applied Arts Practicum	New Course

Since first reading of the standards included in this item, the CTE Division has accepted feedback from Tennessee educators, CTE Directors, and industry experts via the CTE.Questions@tn.gov email address and through individual communications. Based on that feedback, the following changes have been made to the item since first reading:

- Made minor grammatical and formatting edits, in addition to small changes in language to enhance alignments to Tennessee State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in Technical Subjects as well as Tennessee State Standards in Mathematics and Visual Art.
- Updated standards in all three A/V Production courses to reflect additional knowledge and skills specific to audio.
- Updated standards in Digital Arts & Design II to increase focus on necessary knowledge about lighting.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.