

Standards Committee Update

The Standards Committee met on November 5, 2003. The purposes of this committee are to review and summarize best practice in education evaluation, to recommend a single set of standards and criteria for contracted staff, and to recommend a professional growth system.

A high priority of the Standards Committee is to keep employees informed of our progress in this work. To accomplish this, information will be communicated in a variety of ways: the *Bulletin Board* and through voice mail, email, and print copies. Updates will also be provided at regional and discipline meetings. A web page has been established and can be found under "Staff Information." Scroll to the bottom and click on *Grant Wood AEA Standards Committee* (<http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/webfiles/intranet/index.html-ssi>) . Input and feedback is requested and always welcomed from staff members. Please contact your committee representative or any member of the Standards Committee with comments or feedback.

At the November 5 meeting, committee members spent a great deal of time sharing various viewpoints expressed by some staff members regarding the development of standards. Both positive aspects and potential drawbacks were discussed. The Standards Committee is beginning to review the literature for current best practice in evaluation and professional growth. It will examine standards for professional behavior from several sources in a variety of areas and fields.

Our work is just beginning, and at this point nothing has been decided. We want to hear from you! Please contact your representative or any committee member with ideas, examples, resources, questions or concerns. The next committee meeting is the morning of November 19. Thank you.

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