

Are National Standards fit for the road?

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WARRANT OF FITNESS

National Standards are being introduced without any trial to check if they are “roadworthy” – robust and supportive of student learning.

NZEI has developed this checklist to help your school community “road test” whether it is safe and appropriate for student learning to implement the National Standards in your school.

Pass/Fail

Steering	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	National Standards support the professional leadership in our school to implement the <i>New Zealand Curriculum</i> and steer it in a way that is relevant to our community.
Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	National Standards are safe and supportive of student learning (achievement and progress), motivation and self esteem.
Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	National Standards are robust, transparent and evidence-based.
Direction	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	National Standards align clearly with the <i>New Zealand Curriculum</i> and its intent to have “confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners”.
Speed	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	The Government has ensured the National Standards process has been given sufficient time to allow for confident implementation by the profession and to gain parent support.
Interior	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	Information from our school’s assessment tools (eg AsTTLe, STAR, PAT etc) can be confidently aligned to the National Standards.
Exterior	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	Parents will easily understand the difference between the Standards and norm-referenced assessment tools.
Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	There is sufficient resourcing to ensure good quality professional learning for all appropriate staff to understand and implement the Standards.
Windscreen wipers	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	The National Standards provide clear guidance about how to achieve consistent teacher judgement locally and nationally.
Brakes	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> F	National Standards will improve educational outcomes, particularly for Māori and Pasifika students, by providing appropriate resources for the school to further raise achievement.

PASS RE-INSPECTION REQUIRED BY: ___ / ___ / ___

Reasons for further review:

NZEI encourages you to use the National Standards Warrant of Fitness checklist to help initiate staffroom discussions about the professional issues raised by the Standards before proceeding with a decision about their implementation. Use the supporting material (also available at www.nzei.org.nz) to help determine your school's readiness or otherwise to implement the Standards. For each item on the checklist, identify a "pass" or "fail" and identify what needs to happen as a result.

Pass/Fail	If a FAIL, why?	Actions we will take as a result of a FAIL	Outcome of our actions
Steering	Pass/Fail	<p>1. Talk to your BoT and school community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ask for a discussion with your BoT identify with them how the issue(s) be might be addressed. <p>If it cannot be resolved in a way that meets your professional concerns, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agreeing to use the WoF to review the situation in 3-6 months calling a school community meeting to discuss the issues undertaking further consultation with parents and whanau about reporting requirements explaining the issues in your school newsletter or website recommending to the BoT a timetable to proceed/defer further steps to implement the Standards. <p>2. Talk to the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> write to your MP or visit him/her to explain the professional and moral dilemmas posed by the Standards tell your Ministry representatives about your professional concerns. <p>3. Talk to NZEI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> give your feedback on the Warrant of Fitness and how your school used it to Stephanie.mills@nzei.org.nz or call 0800 NZEI HELP. 	
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