



Resources on Common Core State Standards

For decades, the U.S. maintained various academic quality standards among states, resulting in wide disparities in student proficiency as measured under the No Child Left Behind Act and highlighted by National Assessment of Education Progress scores.

The adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) by 46 states is a step toward meaningful and comprehensive comparisons of student performance and achievement among states. Under these standards, educators across the country will work under the same guidelines for what students need to know and are expected to do.

The newer, higher standards will require schools and communities to better and more comprehensively support student learning if students are to meet these enhanced expectations. For the common core standards to succeed and have maximum effect, they also need to be part of a well-rounded, whole child approach to education.

Common Core

Common Core is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that creates curriculum tools and promotes programs, policies, and initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels that provide students with challenging, rigorous instruction in the full range of liberal arts and sciences. Common Core was established in 2007 and is not affiliated with the Common Core State Standards. Website: www.commoncore.org

Common Core Curriculum Maps

The Common Core Curriculum Mapping Project provides educators with high-quality, low-cost curriculum tools based on the Common Core State Standards. Curriculum Maps in English Language Arts have been viewed more than 6 million times since they went online in August 2010. These 76 detailed curriculum Maps and sample lesson plans are designed to help K-12 educators create the kind of “well-developed, content-rich curriculum” called for in the Common Core State Standards. The first edition of these maps is free. The second edition requires a \$25 membership fee. Website: www.commoncore.org/maps/

Achieve the Core

Student Achievement Partners, the organization started by the primary writers of the CCSS, established this site to provide free, high-quality resources to educators now doing the hard work of implementing these higher standards. Website: <http://www.achievethecore.org/>

Common Core State Standards initiative

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort that established a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts and mathematics that states voluntarily adopt. The standards are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to enter credit bearing entry courses in two or four year college programs or enter the workforce. The standards are clear and concise to ensure that parents, teachers, and students

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have a clear understanding of the expectations in reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and mathematics in school. Website: www.corestandards.org

New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards

On January 10th, 2011, the NYS Board of Regents approved the recommended additions to the Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy and Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics, plus a new set of Prekindergarten Standards. The documents can be accessed on this website: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/common_core_standards/

Additional information about the NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy is available on the EngageNY website at <http://engageNY.org/common-core-curriculum-assessment>

Common Core State Standards Resources

This list of resources is available from ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development), one of the largest associations of curriculum developers in the U.S. Website: <http://www.ascd.org/common-core-state-standards/common-core.aspx>

The Arts and the Common Core: A Review of Connections Between the CCSS and the National Core Arts Standards Conceptual Framework

This report analyzes parallels between the ELA and Math Standards and the foundations of artistic literacy outlined in the National Core Arts Standards: A Conceptual Framework for Arts Learning, the NCCAS document guiding the work of the writing teams. This report was prepared the College Board. Website: <http://nccas.wikispaces.com/Common+Core+Alignment>

Common Core and the Arts - Resources from Arts Education Partnership

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a state-led initiative to ensure that students leave school with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in college and in their careers. The resulting changes to the expectations of arts educators can be profound. The Arts Education Partners (AEP) is providing this ever-growing selection of resources to help AEP Partner Organizations, arts educators, school leaders, and policymakers develop a better understanding of the Common Core and what the movement means for the arts. Website: <http://www.aep-arts.org/?s=common+core>

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