



CCSS COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS



INFORMATION and RESOURCE GUIDE

Why the CCSS?



Goal of the CCSS

To create students who are college and career ready

Implementation Guidelines

- **Implementation of the CCSS will occur in stages during the next few years.**
- **Student progress will continue to be monitored through the California Standards Test (CST) until 2013-2014.**
- **New Smarter Balanced Assessments will begin in the 2014-2015 school year.**
- **Teachers will shift some of their instructional practices to prepare students for full implementation of the CCSS.**

Preparation

The standards will help prepare students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in education and career training.

Competition

The standards are internationally benchmarked to help ensure students are globally competitive.

Clarity

The standards are focused, coherent, and clear so students, parents, and teachers understand what is expected of them at each grade level.

Collaboration

The standards create a foundation to work collaboratively across states and districts, pooling resources and expertise.

Equity

Expectations are consistent for all students.

Supporting Student Success

- Become informed about the standards and closely follow the implementation process.
- Talk to local educators about how CCSS helps students become better prepared for college and the workplace.
- Form strong partnerships with local schools and districts to support student success.

The Common Core State Standards provide clear expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

What's Shifting?

Instruction will shift in both English Language Arts and Mathematics with students probing more deeply into subject matter, engaging in high-level reasoning and applying their knowledge to real-world situations and problem solving.

“Students will learn to read like detectives and write like reporters citing evidence and factual information.”

David Coleman
President of College Board,
Author of Common Core Standards

English Language Arts

- Build knowledge through a balance of literature and informational text.
- Write using evidence and details from text to support opinions and ideas.
- Use technology and media strategically.
- Read complex text and its academic vocabulary.

Mathematics

- Focus on fewer concepts to allow for deeper understanding of math topics.
- Require students to show their work and explain how they arrived at an answer.
- Apply their understanding of math concepts to relevant and real-world math problems.

Web Resources

- www.cde.ca.gov/
California Common Core State Standards
- www.pta.org
A Parent's Guide to Student Success
- www.corestandards.org
Common Core Standards
- www.cgcs.org
Council of the Great City Schools
- www.smarterbalanced.org
Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

