



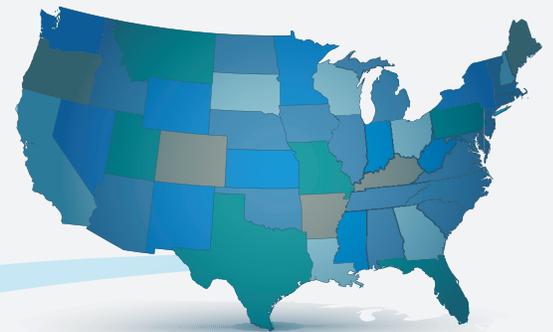
WHAT IS COMMON CORE?

Academic standards are benchmarks of what students should know and achieve at each grade level. Until recently, every state had different standards, so a student reading on-grade-level in one state might be below-grade-level in the next state. In 2010, 46 states came together to create and share a new set of standards, based on the best from around the country, to prepare all children for success.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Our world is technology-driven and fast paced. But our standards haven't kept up, leaving students unprepared for college and the jobs of tomorrow. The Common Core sets higher and clearer goals – so your children can be ready for success.

Putting a new set of standards in place takes work. It requires the state, district, school and teachers to develop plans for these new goals. If the school isn't making changes on time, your child could be falling behind. But you have the power to help.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



LEARN

Watch our 2-minute video at get2core.org and use the interactive tool to see how Common Core will benefit your child and your state.



SHARE

Help others learn about Common Core. Share the video and interactive tool on Facebook and Twitter, or text and email friends.



ADVOCATE

Join in the effort to make Common Core a success by getting involved locally. Visit stand.org for more info.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

GENERAL:

- What kind of support have you been receiving from the school or district in implementing the new Common Core State Standards?
Are there any supports from the district that you think I should be advocating for as a parent?
- What can I be doing at home with my child that will be helpful to you in the classroom?
- What's the best way for me to find out what standards you are working on during the year? Will you share that information in homework or progress reports?
- Have you heard how test scores will be distributed and communicated with parents throughout the year?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS:

- How have your English Language Arts lesson plans changed based on the new Common Core State Standards?
- Should I change the types of books my child is reading at home? If so, what are some good texts that you can recommend?
- What can I do to help my child develop their speaking and listening skills at home?
- Will the standards be used in other areas in school, like Social Studies or History? Are other teachers incorporating informational texts into their lesson plans?

MATH:

- How have your Math lesson plans changed based on the new Common Core State Standards?
- What math concepts and skills will my child be focusing on this year?
- What types of activities or projects can I have my child work on at home to help them be successful this year?



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