

Common Core State Standards

Parent & Student Toolkit



DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

- ▶ State-led effort, **not** a federal mandate
- ▶ Based on evidence and research
- ▶ Incorporate standards of excellence found in high achieving countries
- ▶ Promotes 21st Century skills
- ▶ Consistent standards across states

GOAL: All students college and career-ready

- ▶ Read and understand more challenging texts
- ▶ Emphasize reading *informational* text
- ▶ Develop literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects



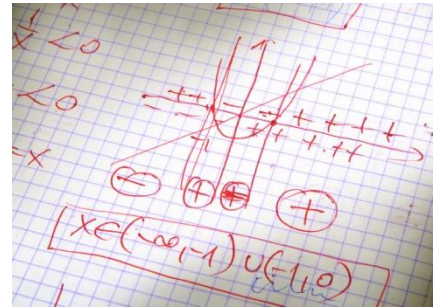
Examples:

- ▶ Explain how a simple machine works (science)
- ▶ Compare/contrast world events (social studies)
- ▶ Justify a solution to a problem (mathematics)

- ▶ Kindergarten – Grade 5
 - ▶ Establishes foundation of using and understanding whole numbers, fractions, and decimals

- ▶ Grades 6-8
 - ▶ Preparation for geometry, algebra, and probability and statistics

- ▶ High School
 - ▶ Emphasis on applying math to solve problems arising in every day life, society, and the workplace



ELA & Literacy

- ▶ Increased Reading of Informational Text
- ▶ Text Complexity
- ▶ Academic Vocabulary
- ▶ Text-based Answers
- ▶ Increase Writing from Sources
- ▶ Literacy Instruction in All Content Areas

Math

- ▶ Focus
- ▶ Coherence
- ▶ Procedural Fluency
- ▶ Deep Conceptual Understanding
- ▶ Applications (Modeling)
- ▶ Balanced Emphasis

- ▶ Audience oriented
 - ▶ Administrators
 - ▶ Teachers
 - ▶ Parents and Students
- ▶ Resources specific to each group



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- ▶ Toolkit Organization
- ▶ Becoming Informed
- ▶ Developing a Plan



- ▶ **Becoming Informed**
 - ▶ Introductory video
 - ▶ What does the Common Core mean for my student?
 - ▶ Parent Resource Guides
 - ▶ Many materials in Spanish



A Message for Parents
Theme: Awareness & Understanding

What do the Common Core State Standards mean for my student?

Something exciting is happening in education in Oregon, something that all parents will want to know about - the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These newly adopted standards in English Language Arts and Math are important for your student's future success!

Here's why:

- The standards are the same wherever you go. Common standards mean that students in Oregon are learning the same thing as students across the country. Students moving into or out of Oregon will have a smoother educational transition because learning goals will now be the same across states.
- They're modeled on success. The Common Core State Standards are aligned to international standards from the highest achieving countries. This means our students will be well prepared to compete both nationally and internationally.
- College and career ready is the name of the game. All students graduating college and career-ready is the goal of the CCSS. These standards are designed to prepare students for success in whatever they choose to do after graduation.
- Real life is really important. What students learn in school should be directly related to what they'll be required to do once they leave. The Common Core places a strong emphasis on reading informational and technical texts to prepare students for the demands of college and the workplace.
- College should not begin with remediation. Too many students entering Oregon universities and community colleges require remedial classes in English and Math. The CCSS are designed to make that a problem of the past by fully preparing students for college-level coursework.
- Increased access to learning resources. Common standards mean that learning resources and teaching and learning materials can be shared across states.
- 21st century skills for 21st century jobs. These standards will prepare our students for career success in the rapidly changing world of work.

Find out more about the Common Core on the ODE web site at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/ask/ccss/commoncore> and check out the CCSS Parent Guides from the National PTA at www.ode.state.or.us/ask/ccss/pta/10101308



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▶ Students

- ▶ What does the Common Core mean for me?
- ▶ Links to the Standards
- ▶ Common Core Apps
 - ▶ Android and iTunes



- ▶ **Teachers**
 - ▶ Video examples of instruction
 - ▶ Planning templates
 - ▶ Sample lessons/units
 - ▶ Resources for content area literacy

- ▶ **Administrators**
 - ▶ Tools for observing instruction
 - ▶ Targeting Professional Development

What Can Parents Do?

▶ Get Informed

- ▶ Read more about what is expected of your child in the CCSS Parent Guides

▶ Get Involved

- ▶ Talk to your child's principal about your school's plan for the Common Core

▶ Get Ready

- ▶ Work with your child's teacher to make sure your child is prepared for these new expectations



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