

Common Core Standards Initiative (CCSI) Oakland



Common Core Standards



- **Governors and state superintendents led the development of common core standards for grades K-12 in ELA and mathematics**
- **Standards focus on learning expectations for students, not on how students get there**

Common Care Standards



- **Why Now?**
 - **Disparate standards across states**
 - **Student mobility**
 - **Global competition**
 - **Today's jobs require different skills**



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- **Why is this important?**
 - **Prepares students with knowledge and skills needed for success in college and work**
 - **Ensures consistent expectations regardless of student's zip code**
 - **Provides educators, parents and students with clear, focused guideposts**

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- **Development Process**

- **Career and college readiness standards developed in the summer of 2009 by national experts**
- **K-12 learning progressions were then developed to reach these standards, again by national experts**
- **Multiple rounds of feedback from states, associations, teachers and the public received before the June, 2010 completion**

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- **Criteria for the K-12 standards**
 - **Fewer, clearer and higher**
 - **Aligned with college and work expectations**
 - **Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills**
 - **Build upon strengths and lessons learned from current state standards**
 - **Internationally benchmarked**
 - **Based on evidence and research**

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- **English Language Arts Standards**



- **Include standards for Reading Literature, Reading Informational Text, Writing, Speaking and Listening for ELA classes**

- **Include separate Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies and Science classes for grades 6-12**

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- **Mathematics Standards**
 - **Students in K-5 develop a solid foundation in basic conceptual understandings and procedures**
 - **In the middle grades, students build on this foundation through hands on learning in geometry, algebra, probability and statistics**
 - **High school students apply mathematical ways of thinking to real world challenges emphasizing mathematical modeling**

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- **Next steps**
 - **The first draft of College and Career Ready Standards for Science have been developed**
 - **State assessments will be changed to reflect the CCS**
 - **Two assessment consortiums are developing multi-state assessments based on the CCS**
 - **Fall, 2014 is the current target date for use of the new assessments**

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- **The Common Core Standards Initiative (CCSI) Oakland will help educators get the rest of what they need to succeed**
 - **Curriculum and units of study**
 - **Instructional materials**
 - **Assessments**
 - **Resources**





- **Purpose of the Initiative**
 - **Put the Common Core Standards into an easy to use, unit based curriculum and teaching framework**
 - **Enable teachers to assess students' understanding of the standards**



- Benefits of the initiative include
 - Increasing teacher collaboration through co-construction and electronic sharing of lesson plans and instructional strategies
 - Saving districts the time and money associated with designing their own curriculum and assessments
 - Promoting a focus on high quality classroom instruction aligned to a coherent curriculum



- **What CCSI won't do**
 - **Promote any one set of resources**
 - **Be prescriptive to the level of the lesson plan**
 - **Mandate county-wide classroom assessments**
 - **Mandate county-wide common/quarterly assessments**
 - **Attend to elective ELA and math classes**



- **Structure of the initiative**
 - **Steering Committee composed of district curriculum directors, superintendents and Oakland Schools instructional directors**
 - **Grade level curriculum writing teams including teacher leaders from a variety of districts and Oakland Schools consultants**
 - **Regular, transparent reporting to all stakeholders**



- **Tools to support implementation**
 - **Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Management Software**
 - **Facilitates teacher's management of unit based curriculum**
 - **Facilitates teachers' collaboration and sharing across grades, schools and districts**
 - **Aligns curriculum with standards, even when they are updated**
 - **Creates information rich, curriculum focused reports**





- **Impact on practice**
 - **Teachers will have immediate, easy access to lessons and resources that improve instruction for diverse learners**
 - **Administrators will be more targeted and productive in their instructional leadership**
 - **Students will be exposed to high quality curriculum, instruction and assessments**
 - **Boards of Education will see districts utilizing cost effective, coherent curriculum**
 - **....All intended to increase student learning and achievement**