

Parents need to know....



- The goal of CCSS is for students to be college and career ready and able to compete internationally.
- Adoption of the CCSS was a collective effort by governors and state education commissioners.
- > CCSS are not a curriculum and do not tell teachers how to teach.

Parents need to know...



- CCSS create consistent learning goals for all students no matter where they live.
- CCSS will produce changes in ELA/Literacy and Math.
- The new standards will bring about new and different state assessments.



Communicating with Parents Educators will...

- Use clear and concise language.
- Avoid using education jargon. Speak in terms that parents can understand.
- > Refer parents to district or school leadership as needed.
- Recognize that the CCSS transition impacts both school and home.
- Acknowledge that some aspects of the transition may be confusing and the school wants transparency and open communication.



An Important Distinction

Standards

- Learning goals
- > Adopted by the *state*



Curriculum

- Plans for meeting standards
- Developed/adopted locally

Instruction

- Strategies teachers use to promote student understanding
- > Implemented in the *classroom*



Demystifying the CCSS

Parents may have heard that	But, in fact
The CCSS is not research or evidence-based.	
Teachers are no longer required to teach phonics or fluency.	
CCSS was designed by the federal government as a national curriculum.	

Adapted from <u>www.corestandards.org/resources/myths-vs-facts</u>



What will the CCSS look like in the ELA Classroom?

Less:	More:
Reading just fiction	Reading a blend of non-fiction and fiction
Learning vocabulary from lists	Learning vocabulary from texts students are reading
Reading of simple texts	Reading difficult texts
Learning from lectures	Learning from texts



What will the CCSS look like in the math classroom?

Less:	More:
Skimming the surface of a lot of math topics	Prioritizing concepts and learning at greater depth
Relying on worksheets	Applying math to real-world situations
Learning math "tricks"	Discussing math concepts and problems
Disconnected math instruction	Topics that connect and build off each other



Across both ELA and Math...

- Students will be expected to explain their reasoning; filling in the bubble will not be enough.
- Perseverance will be expected when solving real world problems that may be challenging.







Sharing Strategies With Parents to Support the Common Core Transition At Home

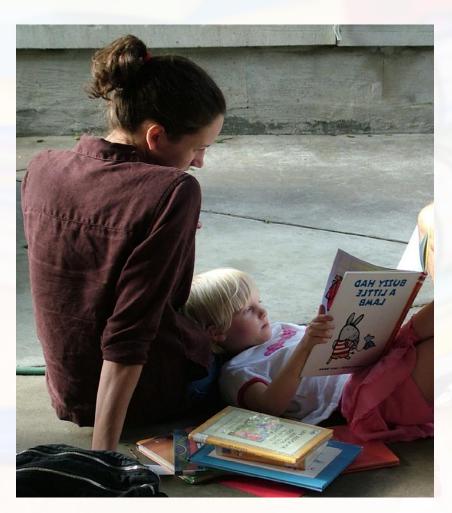


Strategies for Parental Support

- ➤ Becoming partners with parents throughout the transition allowing for open communication regarding the CCSS.
- Provide strategies that are not too complicated, but have real impact on student learning.
- Check in with parents to ensure learning materials are accessible at home.



Supporting Students At Home



Providing parents with strategies will empower them to be partners in their children's education.



The CCSS & ELA/Literacy Homework

What will students bring home?

- 1. More reading assignments that are non-fiction related such as biographies or articles.
- 2. Writing assignments that ask them to find facts in their text as evidence.
- 3. More assignments that stretch your child's vocabulary.

How can parents help?

- Make available more non-fiction books at home and find ways to make them interesting for your child.
- 2. Ask your child to provide evidence when having every day conversations.
- Read more to your child and discuss with them what words mean.



The CCSS & Math Homework

What will students bring home?

- More assignments that ask students to show their work and explain how they got the answer.
- In elementary grades, tasks focused on memorizing basic facts.
- 3. Math assignments and problems that are based on real world applications.

How can parents help?

- Ask your child to explain to you what they are doing to solve problems enabling to think through answers.
- Set aside time to reinforce basic facts. Playing games will engage and reinforce the skill.
- 3. Discuss where math is used in their daily life.



Share the Wealth of Knowledge!

- Share the PTA's "Parents Guide for Student Success" (http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2910)
- Share the Council of the Great City Schools' "Parent Roadmaps" (http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328)





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