

Free Available Online Resources Instantly Accessible through Student Achievement Partners at achievethecore.org

Understanding the Big Picture – understanding the standards and the Shifts they require.

The Shifts:

What it is: Free resources available to explain how mathematics and ELA/Literacy are different under the Common Core.

- [The Common Core Shifts at a Glance](#)
- [CCSS for Teachers: The Shifts \(iTunes U\)](#)
- [The Common Core Shifts: Professional Development and Training Materials](#)
- [Making the Shifts](#)
- [Introductory Videos on the Common Core State Standards](#)

Put the Core into Practice – ensure your school is meeting the expectations of the CCSS.

Instructional Practice:

What it is: Tools that provide specific guidance for what the CCSS for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics look like in planning and practice. They are designed as developmental tools for teachers and those who support teachers. The Instructional Practice Guides can be best used for self-reflection, peer-to-peer observation and feedback, and instructional coaching.

Instructional and Assessment Materials:

What it is: Tools that provide guidance on evaluating instructional and assessment materials for alignment to the CCSS in ELA/literacy and mathematics. It is intended to help educators and administrators make decisions about instructional and assessment materials and build understanding of what CCSS-aligned materials look like.

Professional Development:

What it is: Ready-to-use modules developed by Student Achievement Partners that include PowerPoints, videos, facilitator's instructions, and hands-on activities for administrators and teachers to utilize for PD sessions, professional learning, and self-study.

Communicate – engage parents and community members around the CCSS work.

Parent and Community Resources:

What it is: Available resources you can use to speak to parents and the community about the Common Core.

- [Introducing the Common Core to Parents and Community Members](#)
- [Parents' Guide to Student Success - National PTA](#)
- [Council of the Great City Schools \(CGCS\) Parent Roadmaps for the Common Core](#)
- [Video: A New Foundation for Student Success](#)
- [Brief Video Introduction to the Common Core](#)
- [Parent and Family Resources from EngageNY](#)
- [Five Facts: Making Sense of the Common Core](#)
- [A Call to Common Standards](#)

ELA/LITERACY RESOURCES:

Basal Alignment Project

What it is: A collection of free, Common Core-aligned replacement lessons for 3rd-5th grade basal reading series that can be utilized with existing textbooks. Lessons are listed online under the title of the Basal reader with which they are used.

The Hunt Institute on YouTube

What it is: A collection of free video vignettes from the Hunt Institute housed on YouTube that discuss the big picture and the key changes of the Common Core in grades K-HS. Vignettes are categorized by need (i.e., videos specifically for teachers, supervisors or administrators; ELA Standards, changes in the classroom, etc.)

- Teachers, Supervisors, and Administrators by TheHuntInstitute
- ELA Standards by TheHuntInstitute
- Common Core in the Classroom by TheHuntInstitute

iTunes U - CCSS for Teachers: Shifts in ELA/Literacy

What it is: Free courses developed by a group of classroom teachers to explain the Shifts in ELA/Literacy required by the Common Core. Presented in partnership with The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), they showcase a combination of materials from this website as well as additional curated resources and interactive activities. These courses were designed to provide a robust self-learning opportunity for individual teachers and to offer high-quality, credible materials that can be used to support professional learning communities in schools.

Lessons - Common Core-aligned exemplars with explanations and supporting resources.

- Close Reading Model Lessons Common Core-aligned lesson sets with explanatory annotations.
- ELA/Literacy Lesson Bank A library of almost 300 free, teacher-developed Common Core-aligned lessons for grades 3-10.
- History/Social Studies Lessons
- Science and the Technical Subjects Lessons
- Sample Writing Tasks These scaffolded analytical writing tasks provide examples for teaching Common Core writing. Designed for use with example lessons from the Basal Alignment Project (BAP).

Student Writing Samples - Exemplars of student work aligned to the Common Core.

- In Common: Effective Writing for All Students K-12 samples from around the country from all three types of Common Core writing: argument/opinion writing, informative/explanatory writing, and narrative writing.

Assessment Questions - Common Core-aligned sample assessment questions.

Curricular Tools

- Text Complexity Collection Includes tools for selecting texts that meet the complexity and quality demands of the CCSS.
- Text-Dependent Question Resources Resources for writing and evaluating text-dependent questions.

ELA/Literacy Strategies and Materials to help educators Support Students at all Levels of Literacy:

- **Elements of Success For All With The CCSS: Grades K-5** Outlines the key areas in which to support struggling readers. By educators David and Meredith Liben.
- **Elements of Success For All With The CCSS: Grades 6-12** Outlines the key areas in which to support struggling readers. By educators David and Meredith Liben.
- **Realizing Opportunities for English Learners in the Common Core** Explores strategies for supporting English language learning students in mastering Common Core literacy.
- **The Importance of Vocabulary and Syntax: Essay** Former teacher and principal David Liben explains the crucial role of vocabulary and syntax in teaching complex texts.
- **Fluency Practice for Struggling Readers** Webpage by education researcher Tim Rasinski. Includes fluency packets and instructional strategies for teachers.
- **Fluency Chart** Quick reference chart helps teachers identify readers who need fluency support, set goals, and track progress.
- **'Both And' Literacy Instruction** Discussion of the essential elements of a comprehensive K-5 ELA/Literacy curriculum that aims to support all students in achieving the CCSS.
- **Colorin Colorado** Resources in ELA/literacy and math for English Language Learners including classroom videos, teacher interviews, and bilingual parent tips.

MATHEMATICS RESOURCES:

The Hunt Institute on YouTube

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- Math Standards by TheHuntInstitute
- Common Core in the Classroom by TheHuntInstitute

iTunes U - CCSS for Teachers: Shifts in Mathematics

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Tasks and Assessments - Common Core-aligned exemplars with explanations and supporting resources.

- Annotated Tasks Mathematics tasks that illustrate the focus, coherence, and rigor of the Standards.
- Illustrative Mathematics Hundreds of sample problems, videos, and other resources, organized by grade, standard, and domain. Project led by CCSS contributing author William McCallum at the University of Arizona.
- Video Collection: Checking for Conceptual Understanding Videos to help teachers find out what their students really understand about mathematics.
- Additional Resources

Your Grade at a Glance - Year-long planning materials including the major work on which teachers should focus in each grade.

- Focus by Grade Level Two-page document detailing the mathematical content emphasized in the Standards by grade.
- Standards for Mathematical Content by Grade Level Specific expectations for each grade building coherently toward college and career readiness.
- Standards for Mathematical Practice Describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students.
- RTA Guides for Each Grade

Understanding the Math - Additional materials that show how the Common Core is different from previous math standards.

- Progressions Documents for the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics Collection of narratives that explain how the content develops coherently across the grades, including examples, problems, and explanations for the domains in the Standards.