



Common Core Implementation Resources

- Council of the Great City Schools' [Calendar of Questions](#): Guides school administrators through successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards, including specific questions to ask of various stakeholder groups and tasks to complete throughout the year.
- CCSSO's [Toolkit for Evaluating Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials](#): This guide helps administrators and educators navigate the process of evaluating curriculum materials for alignment to the Common Core State Standards. It also provides a list of tools and resources for assessing materials.
- [Education Northwest's Common Core State Standards: What do District Administrators Need to Know?](#) This overview provides recommendations for district administrators on successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards.
- Additional resources are available each month from the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Academics. Sign up for the [Common Core Implementation Team](#) to receive monthly emails featuring news, resources and free professional development opportunities related to the Common Core State Standards.

Recent Common Core News/Commentary

- Jan. 23, 2014, Fordham Institute Common Core Watch Blog: [Policymakers: Stop Being Agnostic About Curriculum](#). This article highlights four models of adopting curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards.
- March 5, 2014, Education Week: [College Board Outlines SAT Redesign It Says Will Be More 'Focused and Useful'](#). This article describes the planned changes to the SAT in 2016 and includes a [comparison chart](#) that highlights parallels between the redesigned SAT and the Common Core State Standards.
- January/February 2014, NJSBA School Leader: [Common Core Truths](#). This article addresses frequently asked questions regarding the Common Core State Standards.



Common Core State Standards Communication Tools

- Council of Great City Schools' [Communicating the Common Core Standards](#): This guide provides examples of effective messages, communication strategies, and sample letters to parents from superintendents and principals.
- New Jersey Common Core State Standards Overview: This handout provides a summary of New Jersey's adoption and implementation of the standards and addresses common myths (attached).
- Talking Points to Address Common Questions
 - Overview: Sample Common Core Talking Points from the [Wisconsin Department of Education](#)
 - Talking Points On Student Privacy (attached)

Common Core State Standards Related Resources to Share with Parents

- National PTA's [Parents' Guide to New Assessments in New Jersey](#)
- National PTA's [Parents' Guide to Student Success](#)
- Council of the Great City Schools' Grade by Grade Roadmaps for [English Language Arts and Literacy](#) and for [Mathematics](#) (also available in Spanish: [Artes del Lenguaje en Inglés](#) and [Matemáticas](#)).