

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/go/commoncore> and check out the *CCSS Parent Guides* from the National PTA at www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3398



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