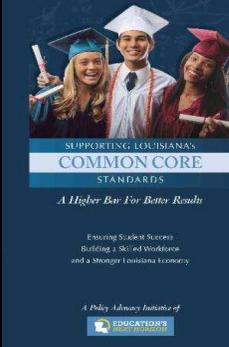




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Common Core State Standards: A Higher Bar for Student Success

In 2009, 48 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia signed a memorandum of agreement with the National Governors Association (NGA) and Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), committing to a state-led process to create Common Core State Standards. In 2010, Louisiana adopted Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math. The new academic standards are based on research and were developed collaboratively by a coalition of teachers, school leaders and education experts from Louisiana and 45 other states.

The Common Core State Standards:

- Define what students need to learn in reading, writing and math in each grade to stay on track for college and careers.
- Prepare Louisiana students with essential, real world knowledge and skills to compete in a global market place.
- Emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving and creativity.
- Are more rigorous, more focused and more relevant to the long-term success of students in school and beyond.

Standards Content

- Math Common Core Standards www.corestandards.org/assets/CSSI_Math_Standards
- English Language Arts Common Core Standards www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy

Assessments

Louisiana is aligning state assessments and end-of-course tests to the new academic standards, phasing in additional common core test items each year until completely measuring academic achievement of the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math in 2014-2015.

Louisiana is one of 19 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands who make up the **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**. The PARCC consortium is working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers. These new K-12 assessments will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students' progress toward this goal from 3rd grade up, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support.

The PARCC assessments will be ready for states to administer during the 2014-15 school year. The PARCC states include: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

For more information, go to the www.corestandards.org, the Common Core State Standards website.

