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Common Core State Standards Initiative

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The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort to establish a shared set of clear educational standards in [English language arts](#) and [mathematics](#) for grades K-12. It was launched by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.

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OVERVIEW

The Common Core Standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that young people need for success in college and careers.

- Aligned with college and workforce expectations
- Developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, parents and education experts
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills
- Evidence-based
- Build upon the strengths of the best state standards in the country
- Informed by standards in other top-performing countries

BACKGROUND

The Common Core State Standards Initiative was officially launched on June 1, 2009, by state leaders through their membership in the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.

The South Dakota Department of Education gathered input from educators regarding content, rigor, developmental appropriateness and alignment of the Common Core Standards throughout the process and then provided that feedback to CCSSO and NGA. Feedback from South Dakota educators was generally positive.

On Nov. 29, 2010, the South Dakota Board of Education moved to adopt the Common Core Standards.

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Common Core Standards will be a lengthy process. New standards require development of a new assessment. Training of teachers is also crucial and will need to take place. Finally, it will take time to teach the new standards and for the concepts to trickle down to students. Therefore, full implementation of the new standards is not expected for several years. In the meantime, the department will begin offering professional development to teachers, and districts are encouraged to become familiar with the new standards.

ASSESSMENT

South Dakota is part of a consortium of 31 states that received a \$160 million grant to begin development of a state-of-the-art assessment aligned to the Common Core Standards.

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