

THE COMMON CORE HELPS YOUR CHILD GET AHEAD

SETS STANDARDS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

FOCUSES ON HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK

KEEPS NJ SCHOOL STANDARDS AMONG THE NATION'S STRONGEST

THAT'S WHY THE COMMON CORE IS BACKED BY EDUCATORS & BUSINESS

NJ's largest school employee union

NJ's Parent Teacher Association

Principals

Superintendents

School board members

Higher education

NJ Chamber of Commerce

STANDARDS, NOT CURRICULUM

The Common Core establishes what students should learn from kindergarten through high school. Local school districts create curriculum and plans for day-to-day teaching that best help all students succeed.



CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Students focus on problem solving, not rote memorization.



REAL WORLD CONCEPTS

English integrates more non-fiction, while math pushes a deeper understanding of how to apply core concepts.



FUTURE SUCCESS

Students are better prepared for the ACT and SAT, which are being updated to align with the standards.



STATE DRIVEN, NOT FEDERALLY MANDATED

In 2010, New Jersey and more than 40 other states chose to develop Common Core standards.

New Jersey schools can, and often do, set expectations for students. This approach is why New Jersey schools are consistently among the top performing school systems in the U.S.

NEW JERSEY'S NEW STANDARDS ARE



SUPPORTED BY THOSE IN THE KNOW

Principals support the Common Core because these clear, consistent and targeted standards will benefit students in each classroom throughout New Jersey.

**- PAT WRIGHT, NEW JERSEY
PRINCIPALS AND SUPERVISORS
ASSOC.**

Far too many students are coming to community colleges without being academically prepared for college-level work. The new Common Core State Standards are aligned with the skills and knowledge necessary for college and career readiness.

**- DR. RAYMOND YANNUZZI, NJ COUNCIL OF
COUNTY COLLEGES**

The Common Core fosters critical thinking, focuses on problem solving, and gives students a rich understanding of language and math.

**- DR. BRIAN ZYCHOWSKI, NEW JERSEY ASSOC.
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce believes that the Common Core standards will improve all students' ability to succeed in the ultra-competitive worlds of college admissions and job acquisition.

- DANA EGRECKZY, NJ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NJPTA supports the Common Core State Standards initiative as a first step toward ensuring that all New Jersey's current and future students receive the best possible education no matter where they live.

**- DEBBIE TYRRELL, NJ PARENT
TEACHER ASSOC.**

New Jersey selected the Common Core standards in 2010 to foster the skills required by employers and colleges today, such as higher-order thinking, problem solving and reasoning ability.

- DAVE HESPE, NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NJEA supports the Common Core State Standards as the next step in continuing to raise expectations for New Jersey's public school students. When educators are given the time and resources to retool their curricula as needed, students will benefit by achieving the new standards. As that work begins, the state can adjust the standards, as needed, to ensure they are age-appropriate and are meeting the needs of all students.

- WENDELL STEINHAUER, NJ EDUCATION ASSOC.

New Jersey has a 20-year tradition of successful standards-based education, and the state's adoption of the Common Core four years ago strengthens that foundation. Your local school board, working with its staff, selects the curriculum that will enable students to meet the standards.

- DR. LARRY FEINSOD, NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC.

All students in New Jersey deserve an education that will pave the way for their success beyond high school. The Common Core represents New Jersey's continued commitment to that goal.

- JANELLEN DUFFY, JERSEYCAN