



Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS)

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Dear colleagues,

With so much work taking place across the country to implement the Common Core State Standards, CCSSO has created a biweekly newsletter to update ICCS members on helpful opportunities and resources. In the future, if you have additional items you would like to add to the newsletter, please send them to Margaret Millar, margaretm@ccsso.org.

Thank you,

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ICCS August Meeting

- The August meeting of the Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS) collaborative will take place **August 4th-6th** in **Minneapolis, MN**.
- You should receive an email with registration information by Friday, June 10th, 2011.
- We ask that you specifically invite your Public Information Officer (PIO) to attend this meeting. If your PIO is an addition to the original six members of your team, CCSSO will cover one night of hotel and the airfare for your PIO. We would like to include your PIO in conversations about communications.

ICCS Collaborative Site

- The ICCS collaborative site, which will be a forum for states to share resources and collaborate online, is currently under development. CCSSO has contracted with Higher Logic to develop a dynamic, user-friendly, secure site that will facilitate cross-state sharing. The expected release date of the site is **June 30, 2011**.
- In preparation for the launch of the site, we are collecting state documents to populate the resource library. Please send documents and resources to Margaret Millar (margaretm@ccsso.org) by June 24, 2011. For more information on submitting resources, <http://goo.gl/NcYnt>

Promising Resources

- Dr. Bill Bush of the University of Louisville has developed a Common Core State Standards mathematics curriculum analysis tool. This tool is comprised of a review framework for states or districts to use to guide local decision-making in selecting curriculum resources and textbooks. Dr. Bush has also created a PowerPoint to offer professional development to those who wish to use the analysis tool. You are welcome to widely distribute these documents:
 - o CCSSM Curriculum Analysis Tool - <http://goo.gl/m6kli>
 - o Professional Development PowerPoint - <http://goo.gl/4VhkI>
- Jere Confrey of The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation has put out a paper titled, *Required Elements in Transformative Implementation of Common Core Standards in Mathematics and New Assessments prior to 2014-2015*.
 - o Mathematics Implementation - <http://goo.gl/nZ1gK>
- CCSSO has recently created the **Technical Expertise Exchange**, an online clearinghouse of more than eighty technical assistance providers. In May 2011, these providers responded to a series of questions about best practices and how they would be able to assist states in implementing the Common Core State Standards. To create an account to access the responses of providers, please visit [the Technical Expertise Exchange](#).

Upcoming Tools and Resources

- David Coleman and Sue Pimentel, lead writers of the English Language Arts (ELA) standards, are currently completing a tool for reviewing ELA curricular resources. CCSSO will distribute this tool via the ICCS newsletter and post it on the ICCS collaborative site as soon as the final draft becomes available.
- CCSSO is currently completing work on an Implementing the Common Core Standards communications toolkit. This toolkit will serve as an update to the Common Core adoption toolkit many states used in the past. The toolkit will be distributed by the end of June to all states.
- In partnership with the Hunt Institute, CCSSO is in the process of editing videotapes of the lead writers of the standards in ELA and Mathematics to make available to states and other stakeholders. These videos will be available for you to use in professional development and communications within your state by the beginning of July. We will make them available on the ICCS collaborative site for download.