



Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS)

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has adopted the Common Core State Standards. DoDEA operates 194 schools worldwide whose mission is to teach the children of the U.S. Department of Defense military and civilian families. DoDEA Director Marilee Fitzgerald notes in the announcement that “consistent standards will enable DoDEA students to stay on track even when their families are moving between states or overseas.” [Read Fitzgerald’s memorandum to DoDEA educators regarding standards adoption.](#)

As a reminder, today at 4 p.m. ET, the Fordham Institute will host a live webcast on the release of a new Common Core State Standards implementation cost analysis “Pricing the Common Core”. Panelists include former Florida Education Commissioner Eric J. Smith, Achieve President Mike Cohen, former Department of Education official Ze’ev Wurman, and University of San Francisco professor Patrick J. Murphy, who will present the findings of a new Fordham study that he co-authored. There is no need to register for the webcast – simply visit www.edexcellence.net at 4:00 p.m. ET today to watch the proceedings live.

Please do not hesitate to [contact Katey McGettrick](#) with questions, ideas for future newsletters, and success stories from your agencies and classrooms.

Thank you,

CCSSO’s Common Core Implementation Team - Carrie Heath Phillips, Margaret Millar, Renata Lewis, and Katey McGettrick

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Spotlight on Kentucky's Leadership Networks

Kentucky [designed a system of leadership networks](#) to build the capacity of each district in the Commonwealth to implement Kentucky's new Core Academic Standards, develop assessment literacy among all educators, and work toward ensuring that every student graduates college and career ready. The website for the leadership networks includes curriculum maps and pacing guides, gap analysis protocols, grade level shifts, planning and pacing processes, and descriptions and timelines related to how the leadership networks will operate. On the website you can also learn about the 3-year timeline of the networks' work and expectations and read an explanation of the difference between capacity building and train the trainer models.

Achieve releases paper on bridging the divide between Common Core and career and technical education

On May 24, Achieve released [Common Core State Standards & Career and Technical Education: Bridging the Divide between College and Career Readiness](#), which outlines a set of eight strategies state and district leaders can leverage to ensure the implementation of Common Core State Standards engages, informs, and benefits from the career and technical education (CTE) community, a critical partner in the broader college- and career-ready agenda. The paper was prepared for Achieve by Hans Meeder and Thom Suddreth of the Meeder Consulting Group, with the Association for Career and Technical Education and the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium.

CCSSO webinar: Rubrics for aligning open education resources to the CCSS

The Innovation Lab Network at CCSSO hosted a webinar on Wednesday, May 16th, in partnership with Achieve, to discuss the alignment of open educational resources (OER) with the Common Core State Standards. Achieve developed eight evaluation rubrics in collaboration with leaders from the OER community. These rubrics are now available as an evaluation tool on the online repository OER Commons and the rating metadata is being shared with other repositories through the Learning Registry.

This webinar was the second in a series from CCSSO exploring open educational resources. The first webinar focused on the legal considerations of OER for state education agencies. Recordings of both webinars are accessible to state education agency staff by logging on to CCSSO's spaces.ccsso.org website or [emailing Jonathan Marino, CCSSO Senior Program Associate](#).

American Statistical Association offers workshops for teachers on Common Core statistics concepts

The American Statistical Association will host a workshop for middle and high school teachers related to Common Core statistics concepts in San Diego this summer in conjunction with the Joint Statistical Meetings. The Meeting Within a Meeting (MWM) Statistics Workshop for Mathematics and Science Teachers will help middle and high school teachers teach the increased statistics content in the Common Core State

Standards. [The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1](#) at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront with separate middle and high school strands. The registration fee is \$50, which includes materials and refreshments. Optional graduate credit and limited lodging reimbursement is also available. [Free ASA K-12 Statistics Education Resources are available online.](#)

National High School Center hosts June 2012 College and Career Readiness Webinar Series

The National High School Center will host a series of webinars during the month of June on college and career readiness (CCR). Nationally recognized experts and practitioners in the field of college and career readiness will share their perspectives on defining and actualizing college and career readiness for all students. Webinars will occur every Tuesday in June from 3:00 – 4:30 PM EDT, and you can register for individual webinars or the entire series. The schedule is as follows:

- June 5, 2012: The Complexity of College and Career Readiness
- June 12, 2012: College and Career Readiness and Linked Learning
- June 19, 2012: College and Career Readiness and Students with Disabilities
- June 26, 2012: Aligning Resources, Structures and Supports for Actualizing College and Career Readiness.

To register for or learn more about the series, [please visit the National High School Center website.](#)

Local Common Core News

In communities across the country, word is getting out about the Common Core through local news outlets. These are great venues to inform parents, teachers, and businesses about the Common Core in your community, whether it is a newspaper article, opinion piece, or blog. This CCSSO newsletter periodically highlights samples of these news items to help teachers, schools, districts, and state education agencies generate ideas of how to spread the word about Common Core in your community. State education agency staff may [contact Kate Dando, CCSSO communications director](#), for assistance with media outreach. If you have a piece you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, [please email Katey McGettrick.](#)

California

San Diego Union Tribune

May 21, 2012

[State plans big changes to testing, instruction](#)

by Michael Gardner

Kansas

The Hutchinson News

May 18, 2012

[Core education](#)

Editorial

Maryland

The Gazette (Frederick County)

May 24, 2012

[Frederick County students asked to prepare for new standardized tests over summer break](#)

by Margaria Raycheva

Nevada

Reno Gazette-Journal

May 15, 2012

[New standards challenge students, teachers](#)

By Michael Martinez

Tennessee

WSMV-TV

May 15, 2012

[TN adjusting common core standards for students](#)

by Cara Kumari