



Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS)

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Dear colleagues,

CCSSO hosted a Communication Directors Network meeting in Chicago, IL on June 6-8, 2012, with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The meeting provided an opportunity for communication directors from 34 states to meet with state Common Core leads to discuss communicating with teachers and the public about the Common Core and common assessments. State education agency staff interested in viewing the materials from the meeting may log on to spaces.ccsso.org (password protected) to download the meeting workbook.

At the end of May, the Fordham Institute hosted a live webcast on the release of a new Common Core State Standards implementation cost analysis "[Pricing the Common Core](#)". The study estimates the implementation cost for each of the forty-five states (and the District of Columbia) that have adopted the Common Core State Standards and shows that costs naturally depend on how states approach implementation. [A recording of the event](#) where the analysis was presented is available online through Fordham's website.

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

Thank you,

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Kansas State Department of Education collaborates with state association for math teachers on Common Core resources

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) collaborated with the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics (KATM) to help identify resources, plan professional development, and provide assistance to teachers, administrators, and community members around mathematics instruction. KATM maintains and updates a [Common Core Mathematics resource page on its website](#), including flipbooks which link the mathematical practices and the content of the Common Core Standards and provide instructional strategies and examples for each mathematical practice standard at each grade level.

CCSSO developing tool to provide English Language Learners (ELLs) an on-ramp to college- and career-ready standards

Many states have begun the process of developing or adopting English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards and recognize the need to align those standards with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the forthcoming Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). CCSSO is [coordinating the development of a framework](#) to assist states with this work. The Council's English Language Proficiency Development framework will:

- outline the underlying English language practices and uses found in the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards;
- communicate to ELL stakeholders the language that all ELLs must acquire in order to successfully engage the CCSS and NGSS; and
- sketch out a procedure to evaluate the degree of alignment present between the framework (that corresponds to the language demands of the CCSS and NGSS) and the ELP standards under consideration or adopted by states.

A draft of the framework will be available to states in June 2012 for their use in assessing or developing ELP standards. If you have questions about this work, [please contact Carrie Heath Phillips](#), Program Director for Common Core State Standards Implementation.

CCSSO co-hosts webinar on Common Core and early childhood education

On June 20, at 3 p.m. ET, the PreK-3rd Grade National Work Group, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices will co-host a webinar on Common Core and early childhood education. This webinar will highlight initiatives to implement aligned standards and discuss what state policy changes would help school districts and their community partners understand and implement aligned standards. [Register for this webinar](#) under the "events" section of the PreK-3rd Grade National Work Group's website.

Save the date: CCSSO to host webinar on 1% assessment consortia July 10, 2 p.m. ET

On July 10 at 2 p.m. ET, CCSO will host a webinar to provide an overview of the two 1% percent assessment consortia, Dynamic Learning Maps and the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Partnership. Representatives from the consortia will discuss similarities, differences, status, and future milestones for their respective consortium. Registration information will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Past and Upcoming Events

- **June 5, 2012:** Schools Moving Up @ West Ed hosted a webinar on how personalized learning can support the Common Core standards. [A recording of the event and the related materials are available online.](#)
- **June 12, 2012, 2:00 p.m. ET:** CCSO State Collaborative on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) webinar on Principal Effectiveness. SCEE hosted a webinar for its collaborative members to discuss preliminary lessons learned from The Wallace Foundation's Principal Pipeline Initiative with district leaders involved in the initiative, SEA staff, and Jody Spiro of The Wallace Foundation. [Contact William Bentgen for more information.](#)
- **June 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m. ET:** America's Promise Alliance and Association of Career and Technical Education hosted a webinar on Missouri's integration of the Common Core State Standards & career and technical education. [You must be logged into](#) the America's Promise website to [view the webinar homepage](#). After registering, you can visit the webinar homepage.
- **June 19, 2012:** School Improvement Network Webinar, "Assessment for and Assessment of Common Core Understanding". Two sessions are available on this date, [12:00 p.m. ET](#) and [3:00 p.m. ET](#).

National High School Center College and Career Readiness Webinar Series:

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