

Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS)
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Dear colleagues,

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is pleased to announce the release of an updated edition of our Common Core Implementation Tools and Resources Guide. CCSSO developed this list of free tools and resources to point states, districts, and educators to promising ideas and tools to support the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. This guide is free and you are welcome to distribute this document widely and post it directly to your website.

The Common Core Implementation Tools and Resources Guide primarily lists free resources developed by CCSSO, the lead writers of the standards, and our partner organizations, and is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all resources available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to CCSSO to suggest additional tools to add to the guide.

Thank you,

CCSSO's Common Core Implementation Team

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New Report Available on State Progress on Implementing the Common Core

On February 4, 2013, Education First and the EPE Research Center released a second annual look at state implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The new report, "Moving Ahead: A National Perspective on States' Progress in Common Core State Standards Implementation Planning" found states making progress in three key areas: professional development for teachers, developing instructional materials, and devising teacher-evaluation systems linked to the new standards.

Support Videos for the Common Core in Mathematics

The Southeast Comprehensive Center developed <u>Common Core State Standards (CCSS) videos</u> to support states, schools, and teachers in the implementation of the CCSS. The videos were created in collaboration with the states in the Southeast Comprehensive Center region based on their need for professional development support for the implementation of the Common Core. Each video is an audiovisual resource that focuses on one or more specific standards and usually includes examples/illustrations geared to enhancing understanding. The intent of each content-focused video is to clarify the meaning of the individual standard rather than to be a guide on how to teach each standard, although the examples can be adapted for instructional use.

Action Briefs to Help School Leaders Support Common Core Implementation

Achieve, in partnership with College Summit, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), has released a series of <u>action briefs on the role of school counselors, secondary school leaders</u>, and elementary school leaders in the implementation of the Common Core. The action briefs provide school leaders with a deeper understanding of the Common Core and spell out the leaders' critical role in implementation.

Learning Forward Releases Professional Learning Policy Workbook for States and Districts

Learning Forward recently released the <u>Professional Learning Policy Review: A Workbook for States and Districts</u>, authored by Joellen Killion. This workbook provides states and local school districts with guidance to conduct a review of existing policies related to professional learning. The review process includes discovery, analysis, recommendations for possible policy revision, and follow-up.

CCSSO to Host Event with State Chiefs to Discuss Implementing New Accountability Systems

CCSSO will host state chiefs from Connecticut, Kentucky, New Jersey, and New York tomorrow to discuss implementation of their approved waiver applications. Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia now have waivers from certain provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) approved by the U.S. Department of

Education. These waivers provide states the flexibility needed to establish rigorous, high-quality accountability systems that support schools and districts, and provide students with the interventions they need to improve. States are now months into implementation of waivers and, having made significant progress, are considering how these important reform efforts will be continued. Please join CCSSO at the National Guard Memorial Building in the Hall of States Room on **Thursday, February 7**th, **2013 at 2:00 p.m. EST** for this event. A recording of the event will be made available shortly after the live event on the wwww.ccsso.org website. To RSVP, please contact: