

COMMON CORE: A FOUNDATION FOR POST SECONDARY SUCCESS

A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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Principles of the Standards

Fewer – Clearer – Higher

- Aligned to requirements for College and Career Readiness
- Based on evidence
- Honest about time

ELA/Literacy: 3 shifts

1. **Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction**
2. Reading, writing and speaking grounded in **evidence from text, both literary and informational**
3. Regular practice with **complex text** and its **academic language**

Mathematics: 3 shifts

1. **Focus:** Focus strongly where the standards focus
2. **Coherence:** Think across grades, and link to major topics
3. **Rigor:** In major topics, pursue **conceptual understanding**, procedural skill and **fluency**, and **application**

Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

- 46 states
- Marketplace Impact
- Shared, relevant best practice
- Innovation opportunities

Challenges

- Superficial response
- Raising expectations
- Timelines