

COMMON CORE

STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE

PREPARING AMERICA'S STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE & CAREER



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Education standards, called the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), are being implemented in all Arkansas public schools. The standards define the knowledge and skills all students should master by the end of each grade level to graduate from high school fully prepared to enter college or begin a career.

Why do we need educational standards and what do they mean for Arkansas students?

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Career and college readiness is the goal for all students

As students progress through the grades, they need to build their skills and knowledge to be prepared for the job market and college.

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Arkansas assisted in the effort to develop national standards

Arkansas teachers, researchers, education experts, higher education, and business collaborated to design and develop standards.

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Standards are only the foundation

In Arkansas, education standards provide the foundation of what students need to learn, not how standards should be taught. Teachers have created units and lessons based on standards for the students in their classrooms.

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Better standards require better assessments

Next generation assessments developed by Arkansas educators measure the skills students have learned. Arkansas has a common set of tests for 3rd – 11th grades.

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Focus on 21st century skills

Students can apply learned skills to real-world situations to problem solve, collaborate, and create to be successful in their future careers.

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Arkansas students deserve standards to advance in education

Arkansas students deserve the opportunity to have the ability to compete in the job market.

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Begin with the end in mind

To preserve the future of our students and the economy in Arkansas, we want our students to be prepared. Standards with a focus help build that foundation for our most valuable resource – our children.

To learn more about standards visit:

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