

Have you heard about the Common Core State Standards?

Oregon is one of more than 45 states that has adopted the Common Core State Standards, or CCSS. These standards align instruction across our state, our country, and even internationally! The resulting materials, resources, and applications will be aligned, accessible, and are intended to save teachers time. **The Common Core State Standards:**

Build on what works

Not “one more thing,” the CCSS are supported by effective practices already in place in Oregon schools.

Practices like *Proficiency-based Teaching and Learning*, the *Oregon K-12 Literacy Framework*, *Response to Intervention (RTI)*, *Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)*, the Oregon DATA Project, and instructional materials selection, are all aligned with the CCSS.

Integrate learning

Critical thinking, literacy across the curriculum, and application of skills are key points in the CCSS.

Your trip to the grocery store requires planning, reading, math facts, estimation, communication, and critical thinking to make the right purchases. The CCSS require students to integrate their learning just as you do when you fill your shopping cart.

Provide a common approach to learning on a continuum

The CCSS fit with Oregon’s vision of education from birth to college and career. The goal of the CCSS is to prepare students for a successful life after school.

AND, whether they stay put or move often, students will be learning the same content.

Offer more support than ever before

You are now part of a planning team that includes most teachers in America.

Because the CCSS have been adopted across the U.S., national organizations and individual teachers have already begun designing lessons, curriculum units, and materials for you to use - free of charge.

These new standards will make us think differently about the way we teach. The Common Core State Standards raise expectations for students, rely on strong content knowledge from teachers, and require a shift in how and when some content is taught. Transition to these new standards will no doubt, require hard work. Thank you for your dedication and support for each other during the transition to a set of standards that will benefit you, your fellow teachers, and students across Oregon.

Want to take a look at the Common Core State Standards?

Your district will develop its own implementation plan and schedule. In the meantime, you can check out the materials available on the ODE website.

www.ode.state.or.us/go/commoncore



Every student, Every day – A Success!