



Common Core State Standards—*Key Points*

- Standards are simply the skills and knowledge young people need to be successful in college and at work.
- The *Common Core State Standards Initiative* is a state-led effort to establish consistent and clear education standards for English-language arts and mathematics so students will be prepared for success in today's world.
- These clear, consistent standards will establish what students need to learn, while allowing schools and teachers to decide how best to help students. They are relevant to the real world and will help prepare all students for success in college and work, regardless of where they live.
- With students, parents, teachers, and principals working together for shared goals, we can ensure that students make progress each year and graduate from school prepared to succeed and build a strong future for themselves and the country.