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National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics

Getting Started with the Common Core State Standards:
First Steps for Mathematics Education Leaders

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The critical first steps will be to help educators interpret and understand the CCSS and to support the development and implementation of comprehensive, coherent instruction and assessment systems... we plan to work with our local, state, and national affiliates to feature the CCSS in our professional development opportunities, including annual and regional conferences, academies, and seminars...

NCSM Joint Public Statement with NCTM, AMTE and ASSM, June 2010

Today’s Goals

- Provide an overview of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics
- Consider how the CCSS-M are likely to effect your mathematics program.
- Identify productive starting points for beginning implementation of the CCSS-M.

What is NCSM?

International organization of and for mathematics education leaders:
- Coaches and mentors
- Curriculum leaders
- Department chairs
- District supervisors/leaders
- Mathematics consultants
- Mathematics supervisors
- Principals
- Professional developers
- Publishers and authors
- Specialists and coordinators
- State and provincial directors
- Superintendents
- Teachers
- Teacher educators
- Teacher leaders

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Four PRIME Leadership Principles  
Each Defined by Three Indicators

Principle 1: Equity Leadership
Principle 2: Teaching and Learning Leadership
Principle 3: Curriculum Leadership
Principle 4: Assessment Leadership

The PRIME Leadership Framework and the CCSS

- Provides a vision of what “ought to be” in school leadership PreK-12.
- Asks mathematics education leaders PreK-12 to ensure every adult focus his/her energy and efforts on the “right set of things” or vital teacher behaviors to support the mathematics achievement of all students.
- The CCSS provide a “National” perspective about those right things.
CCSS: A Major Challenge/Opportunity

- College and career readiness expectations
- Rigorous content and applications
- Stress conceptual understanding as well as procedural skills
- Organized around mathematical principles
- Focus and coherence
- Designed around research-based learning progressions whenever possible.

History

NCTM
- Assessment Standards for School Mathematics (1995)
- Principles and Standards for School Mathematics (2000)
- Curriculum Focal Points (2006)
- High School Reasoning and Sense Making (2009)
Common Core State Standards

- National Governors Association (NGA)
- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)
- Standards for College and Career Readiness for Mathematics and English/LA
  - Achieve
  - College Board
  - ACT

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Common Core State Standards

- Mathematics Standards
  - Lead writers: Phil Daro, Bill McCallum, Jason Zimba,
  - Writing teams
  - Review teams
- Two rounds of public review and feedback
- States have option to adopt
  - Verbatim
  - 85% of State Standards must be CCSS

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CCSS in the States
What’s different about CCSS?

• Accountability
• Accountability
• Accountability

These Standards are not intended to be new names for old ways of doing business. They are a call to take the next step. It is time for states to work together to build on lessons learned from two decades of standards based reforms. It is time to recognize that standards are not just promises to our children, but promises we intend to keep.

— CCSS (2010, p.5)

Assessment Consortia

• Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)
  http://www.fldoe.org/parcc/
• SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium
  http://www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/
# Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

- **Introduction**
  - Standards-Setting Criteria
  - Standards-Setting Considerations
- **Application of CCSS for ELLs**
- **Application to Students with Disabilities**
- **Mathematics Standards**
  - Standards for Mathematical Practice
  - Contents Standards: K-8, HS Domains
- **Appendix A: Model Pathways for High School Courses**

Expanded CCSS and Model Pathways available at [www.mathedleadership.org/](http://www.mathedleadership.org/)

# Implementing CCSS

- **Challenge:**
  - CCSS assessments not available for several years (2014-2015 deadline)
- **Where not to start--**
  - Aligning CCSS standards grade-by-grade with existing mathematics standards.
Implementing CCSS: Where to Start?

- Standards for Mathematical Practice
- Standards progressions: Domains and clusters
- Conceptual understanding
- Research-Informed C-T-L-A Actions
- Collaboration around English/Language Arts Standards

Standards for Mathematical Practice

"The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students. These practices rest on important "processes and proficiencies" with longstanding importance in mathematics education."

(CCSS, 2010)

Underlying Frameworks

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

5 Process Standards
- Problem Solving
- Reasoning and Proof
- Communication
- Connections
- Representations
Underlying Frameworks

Strands of Mathematical Proficiency

- Strategic Competence
- Adaptive Reasoning
- Productive Disposition
- Procedural Fluency
- Conceptual Understanding


Standards for Mathematical Practice

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.
Standards for Mathematical Practice

When you read the practices, the first three words of each are . . .

Mathematically Proficient Students...

AND . . .

• Describe the thinking processes, habits of mind and dispositions that students need to develop a deep, flexible, and enduring understanding of mathematics; in this sense they are also a means to an end.

SP1. Make sense of problems

“….they [students] analyze givens, constraints, relationships and goals. ….they monitor and evaluate their progress and change course if necessary. …. and they continually ask themselves “Does this make sense?”

• Describe mathematical content students need to learn.

SP1. Make sense of problems

“……. students can explain correspondences between equations, verbal descriptions, tables, and graphs or draw diagrams of important features and relationships, graph data, and search for regularity or trends.”
Standards for [Student] Mathematical Practice

“Not all tasks are created equal, and different tasks will provoke different levels and kinds of student thinking.”

Y von, Smith, Henningsen, & Silver, 2000

“The level and kind of thinking in which students engage determines what they will learn.”

Hiebert, Carpenter, Fennema, Fuson, Wearne, Murray, Oliver, & Human, 1997

Standards for Mathematical Practice in a Classroom

Represent the 3 DVD rental plans below using graphs, tables, and/or equations.

Movie Buster
$3 per movie rented

Online Flix
$12 per month plus $1 per movie rented

Mail Flix
$18 per month regardless of the number of movies rented

Do the three plans ever cost the same?

Standards for Mathematical Practice in a Classroom

SP 3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
• Students make conjectures
• Students justify their conclusions and communicate them to others
• Students compare the effectiveness of two plausible arguments
• Students listen and respond to the arguments of others for sense making and clarity

HS N-Q: Reason quantitatively and use units to solve problems
• N.Q.1 Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems;
• N.Q.3 Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities.
Standards for Mathematical Practice in a Classroom

McDonald’s Claim
Wikipedia reports that 8% of all Americans eat at McDonalds every day. 310 million Americans and 12,800 McDonalds… Do you believe the Wikipedia report to be true? Create a mathematical argument to justify your position.

Standards for [Student] Mathematical Practice
The 8 Standards for Mathematical Practice—place an emphasis on student demonstrations of learning… Equity begins with an understanding of how the selection of tasks, the assessment of tasks, the student learning environment creates great inequity in our schools…

Implementation Issue
Do all students have the opportunity to engage in mathematical tasks that promote students’ attainment of the mathematical practices on a regular basis?
Leading with the Mathematics Practices

- Build upon/extend work on NCTM Processes and NRC Proficiencies
- Phase in implementation
- Consider relationships among the practices
- Analyze instructional tasks in terms of opportunities for students to regularly engage in practices.

Standards for Mathematical Content

- Counting and Cardinality (K)
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking (K-5)
- Number and Operations in Base Ten (K-5)
- Measurement and Data (K-5)
- Geometry (K-HS)
- Number and Operations — Fractions (3-5)
- Ratios and Proportional Relationships (6-7)
- The Number System (6-8)
- Expressions and Equations (6-8)
- Statistics and Probability (6-HS)
- Functions (8-HS)
- Number and Quantity (HS)
- Algebra (HS)
- Modeling (HS)

Grade Level Standards
Progressions within and across Domains

Key Advances

1. Properties of operations: Their role in arithmetic and algebra
2. Mental math and “algebra” vs. algorithms
3. Operations and the problems they solve
CommonAdditionandSubtractionSituations

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Key Advances

1. Properties of operations: Their role in arithmetic and algebra
2. Mental math and “algebra” vs. algorithms
3. Operations and the problems they solve
4. Units and unitizing
   a. Unit fractions
   b. Unit rates
5. Quantities-variables-functions-modeling
6. Number-expression-equation-function
7. Modeling
8. Practices
Common Core Standards: English Language Arts

- The standards title signals a significant shift: English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects
- Proponents say the standards present a vision of what it means to be a literate person in the twenty-first century.
- The standards emphasize shared responsibility for students’ mathematical literacy development.

Key Premises for the English Language Arts Standards in the support of Mathematics

- All students must be able to comprehend texts of steadily increasing complexity as they progress through school.
- By the time students complete the core of their K-12 education, students must be able to read and comprehend independently and proficiently the kinds of complex texts, especially in mathematics, commonly found in college and careers.
- The ability to read complex text on the ACT has been shown to be an excellent predictor of success in reading-intensive courses in college.

Key Premises

- Although the reading demands of college, workforce training programs, and citizenship have held steady or risen over the past fifty years, K-12 texts have become less demanding.
- Meanwhile, college texts, even in mathematics, have increased in complexity over the same period.
- Middle and high school students must be challenged to read and comprehend mathematical text.
Common Core Standards: English Language Arts

- Prefixes, suffixes and symbols
- Words with double meanings based on context
- Mathematical words used in everyday language

Mathematical Practices Support the Process Standard: Communication

- Make sense of problems (Organize and consolidate mathematical thinking through communication)
- Construct viable arguments and critique reasoning of others (Analyze and evaluate mathematical thinking of others)
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively (Communicate mathematical thinking coherently and clearly)
- Attend to precision (Use the language of mathematics to express mathematical ideas precisely)

Content Learning and Content Literacy Learning

- Learning the content of mathematics is as much about learning to read, write, and talk about the content as it is learning the concepts, skills and facts.
- Teaching reading, writing, and thinking skills in mathematics is teaching mathematics
- Ideally, content and literacy processes are wound together in a tight, single braid of instruction. (Brozo 2010)
Common Core Standards:
English Language Arts

- The focus for literacy in the service of content learning is defended on the grounds that building a foundation of knowledge in relevant prior knowledge and domain specific knowledge will give students the background to be better readers in mathematical and technical areas.

Forthcoming Resources and Tools
NCSM

- Illustrating the Standards for Mathematical Practice professional development materials.
- Tool for analyzing instructional materials in light of CCSS and related professional development activities.
  - Under development in collaboration with Bill Bush, University of Louisville, and CCSSO.
  - Target release date: Spring, 2011.

AMTE, ASSM, NCSM, NCTM
Priority Activities

1. Advancing the Vision of High Quality Mathematics Education: Supporting Implementation of CCSS.
   a. Toolkit
   b. Regional meetings of leadership teams
2. Appoint a Joint Committee of AMTE, ASSM, NCSM and NCTM to serve as an ongoing advisory group regarding CCSS.
3. Convene a panel of professional development experts to develop a conceptual framework for teacher professional development systems to support CCSS at the school, district and state levels.
AMTE, ASSM, NCSM, NCTM
Priority Activities

4. Convene an Assessment Working Group to coordinate the field’s best guidance on assessment development and ensure that new student assessments address the priorities (e.g., mathematical practices) articulated in CCSS.

5. Develop and launch a research agenda focused on implementation of the CCSS that includes systematic study of the instantiation and implementation of the standards, monitors the impact on instruction and student learning and informs revisions of CCSS.

Forthcoming CCSS Companion Resources

- Technical Manual
  - Highlights structural features in the standards but not highly visible, e.g., how particular ideas connect and grow across grades.
- Standards Progressions documents
- Sample Tasks
  - Review board and vetting process

Getting Started with CCSS

Suggested First Implementation Steps:
- Mathematical practices
- Progressions within and among content clusters and domains
- “Key advances”
- Collaboration with literacy colleagues

Forthcoming resources
Reflection: Now What?

What actions will you take based on what we worked on today?

– What do you need to learn?
– Who will you work with?
– What do you need to integrate into your practice?
– Who will support you?

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