The New Illinois Learning Standards

Incorporating the Common Core

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Our Students... Prepared for success after high school
Our Promise... Leadership, Advocacy, & Support
Our Future... Strong communities, competitive workforce
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The Illinois State Board of Education adopted new Math and ELA standards for K-12 education aligned to college and career readiness.

Illinois State Board of Education

Agency Goal #1:
Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school.
Why are a Common Set of Standards Important?

- **Preparation**: designed for students to be college and career ready upon completing secondary education.

- **Quality**: flexibility to teach standards in depth and across disciplines that can be tailored to fit the student’s needs.

- **Skilled Workforce**: emphasize skills and application, in addition to content, to prepare students for the workforce.
Why are a Common Set of Standards Important?

- **Clarity**: designed to help teachers, students, and parents understand what is expected of them to be ready to enter the workforce or college
- **Consistency**: levels the playing field so all students will be held to the same rigorous expectations
- **Global Society**: internationally benchmarked to high performing countries
College and Career Readiness

• They demonstrate independence.
• They build strong content knowledge.
• They respond to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, discipline.
• They comprehend as well as critique.
• They value evidence.
• They use technology and digital media strategically and capably.
• They come to understand other perspectives and cultures.
Overview of the **K-12 ELA Standards**

- Benchmarked to College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards.
- K-8 standards are listed by grade level.
- 9-12 standards are listed in two year bands to allow flexibility in course design.
- Separated into four strands: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language.
ELA Standards - Key Points

- Emphasis on writing, writing applications, and presentation
- Balance of literature and informational texts
- Literacy Standards in History, Social Studies Science and Technical Subjects
- Anchor standards established for college and career readiness in the four strands: reading, writing, speaking and listening, language

CCSSO content analysis of the new common core standards
Overview of Math Standards

The K-8 Math Standards are organized by Domain, Clusters, and Standards.

- **Domain**: Overarching ideas that connect topics across the grade levels.
- **Clusters**: Demonstrate the grade by grade progression of task complexity.
- **Standards**: Define what a student should be able to know and do at that grade level.
Math Standards – Key Points

- Focus on numeracy in the early grades
- Basic algebraic readiness by eighth grade
- Geometric concepts in the middle grades
- Emphasis on solving real world problems
- No specific high school course sequence or structure recommended

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What about Assessment?

- No changes will be in place for 2011 Spring ISAT and PSAE assessments.

- Illinois is a governing state in the 26 state PARCC Consortium
Assessment System Design

- **More Meaningful Standards**: consistent across states, clear to the public and on track for college.

- **Higher Quality Tests**: assessments will include performance tasks to measure critical thinking, strategic problem solving, research and writing.

- **Through-Course Testing**: Students will take parts of the assessment at key times during the school year, closer to when they learn the material.
Assessment System Design

- *Maximize Technology*: PARCC assessments will be computer based.

- *Cross-State Comparability*: States in PARCC will adopt common assessments and common performance standards.
PARCC Timeline

- **Oct. 2010**
  - Launch and design phase begins

- **Sept. 2011**
  - Development phase begins

- **Sept. 2012**
  - First year field testing and related research and data collection begins

- **Sept. 2013**
  - Second year field testing begins and related research and data collection continues

- **Sept. 2014**
  - Full administration of PARCC assessments begins

- **Summer 2015**
  - Set achievement levels, including college-ready performance levels
What work is underway?

- Details regarding Assessment
- Teacher developed activities based on the Gap analysis
- Grade by grade report from gap analysis
- Summer 2011 professional development opportunities
Evolution not a revolution

- The transition process begins with local review and discussion
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