Common Core State Standards

- The Common Core Standards are a broad-based effort to fulfill the charge issued by the states to create the next generation of K-12 standards in order to help ensure that all students are college and career ready in literacy no later than the end of high school.

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- The Standards represent a synthesis of the best elements of standards-related work to date.
- The Standards build on the foundation laid by the states in their decades long work on crafting high-quality education standards.

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- The Standards draw on input from numerous sources including:
  - International models
  - State departments of education
  - Scholars
  - Assessment developers
  - Professional organizations
  - K-12 Educators

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The Standards are broken up into the following:
- Reading Standards
- Writing Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards
- Language Standards

Reading

- Students must be able to read and comprehend independently and proficiently the kinds of complex texts commonly found in college and careers.

- Common Core Text Types:
  - Standards for Literature
  - Standards for Informational Texts

Reading

- Research has found:
  - K-12 schooling has declined complexity of texts
  - K-12 schooling has a lack of reading of complex texts independently
  - The consequence is too many students reading at too low a level
- The Common Core Standards were developed to address these findings.

Writing

- "An ACT national survey found that writing to argue or persuade readers was virtually tied with writing to convey information as the most important type of writing needed by incoming college students."
- Common Core Text Types:
  - Argument
  - Informational/Explanatory
  - Narrative

Writing

- Students will no longer be given writing prompts.

- Rather they will be given writing scenarios and support their ideas with a variety of sources including:
  - literary and informational texts
  - art and media
  - music

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To learn more about the Standards go to:
- http://www.corestandards.org/