



# COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

## Support from the Experts

"I don't believe that common core is a federal initiative... A majority of the Republican governors support this."

"I'm a conservative, but this is a national imperative. We have close to no standards."

**--Governor Jeb Bush**

"Adopting the Common Core State Standards.... will raise expectations for every child."

**--Governor Bobby Jindal**

"I support these Common Core State Standards because they provide clear, consistent guidelines for children across our nation. It is time that we ensure all students -- no matter where they live -- are learning the essential skills they need to succeed and that they are reaching the appropriate benchmarks for their grade. I am pleased to see this major state-led effort come into fruition.

**--U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, formerly Governor of West Virginia**

"Measuring our students against international benchmarks is an important step,"  
"Today, we live in a world without borders. It not only matters how Virginia students compare to those in surrounding states – it matters how we compete with countries across the world."

**--U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, formerly Governor of Virginia**

"Common standards ensure that every child across the country is getting the best possible education, no matter where a child lives or what their background is. The common standards will provide an accessible roadmap for schools, teachers, parents and students, with clear and realistic goals."

**--Governor Roy Romer, Senior Advisor, The College Board**

"Our K-12 and higher education systems must collaborate more closely to align expectations for students around common standards and measures that ensure Hoosiers graduate from high school college- and career-ready."

**--Commissioner Teresa Lubbers, IN Commission for Higher Education**

"With the states' release today of a set of clear and consistent academic standards, our nation is one step closer to supporting effective teaching in every classroom, charting a path to college and careers for all students, and developing the tools to help all children stay motivated and engaged in their own education. The more states that adopt these college and career based standards, the closer we will be to sharing innovation across state borders and becoming more competitive as a country."

**--Bill Gates, Co-Chair, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

"This is probably the best chance we've had to improve America's mathematics education in 50 years if not more. We finally have standards that are comparable to what the top-achieving countries have. It would be foolish for Michigan or any other state to pull back now."

**--William Schmidt**, Michigan State University Distinguished Professor of statistics and education. Michigan State is part of the Big Ten College Conference and shares funding with Purdue University and Indiana University.

"Our programs aim to prepare teachers to cultivate instructional practices based on the Common Core standards and standards of national professional organizations such as the National Council of Teachers of English, the International Reading Association, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children."

**--Indiana University School of Education**

"The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) have the potential to ensure that every child in the United States is prepared for college and careers. It is a worthy goal and one that we must work together to achieve."

**--International Reading Association**

"The Common Core Standards finally make real the promise of American public education to expect The best of all our schoolchildren."

**--Michael Casserly**, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools

"The development of these common standards will not only benefit the thousands of military dependent students whose frequent moves are often at odds with local standards, but this reform will also allow a national debate on realigning state K-12 education policies and practices, a benefit to all."

**--The US Army**

“National PTA enthusiastically supports the adoption and implementation by all states of the Common Core State Standards, which were recently released in final form. The K---12 standards for math and English Language Arts are challenging and clear, and states that adopt them will be on their way to graduating more of their high school students ready for college and career. The standards form a solid foundation for the high quality education systems that states must build. If states adopt the standards and align their curriculum, assessments and professional development to the new standards, many more of their students will graduate with the skills they need to succeed in college or a career.”

--**Byron V. Garrett**, CEO, National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

“The CCSS provides the foundation for the development of more focused and coherent instructional materials and assessments that measure students’ understanding of mathematical concepts and acquisition of fundamental reasoning habits, in addition to their fluency with skills.”

--**National Council of Teaching Mathematics**

“Clearly, different state standards pose major problems for these students and their parents. Each state’s unique curriculum, specific materials, and different format for assessments become additional requirements or hurdles to be overcome.”

--**Military Child Education Coalition**

“While a lot of hard work remains at the state level, this voluntary effort led by 48 states and the District of Columbia to provide high quality, common academic standards is a great step forward.”

--**Arthur J. Rothkopf**, senior vice president and counselor to the president of the National Chamber of Commerce