

Common Core Resources for Parents

Where to Learn More and Get More

NATIONAL RESOURCES

National PTA Parent's Guides for Student Success

<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>

The site contains a suite of materials, including short guides explaining changes in standards in English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Guides are available for each grade K-8 and for high school by subject.

The guides are available in English and Spanish and include:

- What children should be learning in English language arts and mathematics in each grade with the new standards.
- Activities that parents can do at home to support their child's learning.
- Methods for helping parents build stronger relationships with their child's teacher.
- Tips for planning for college and career readiness.

Council of Great City Schools Parent Roadmap

<http://www.cgcs.org/Domain/36>

The site provides individual road maps in English and Spanish for ELA and mathematics for each of grades K-8. These maps help guide parents through what their children will be learning and how they can support that learning. They also provide timelines showing how selected standards change from year to year so that students will be college- and career-ready upon their graduation from high school.

The Council of Great City Schools has also produced a parent-friendly three minute video explaining the Common Core, available at: <http://www.commoncoreworks.org>

Stand for Children Web site

<http://stand.org/national/blog/2012/09/10/common-core-standards-building-strong-foundation-our-childrens-success>

The Stand for Children web site includes a brief and parent-friendly description about why states have adopted CCSS, what the shifts are and what will change for students.

NEW YORK RESOURCES

Engage New York Parent and Family Resources

<http://engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>

This page links to the resources described here as well as others, including guides and activities to help parents better understand how New York is implementing Common Core Learning Standards and how they will look in classrooms.

Engage New York Common Core Assessments

<http://engageny.org/common-core-assessments> and <http://engageny.org/resource/test-guides-for-english-language-arts-and-mathematics>

Resources and information for parents interested in learning more about Common Core assessments, including test guides and sample questions.

New York City Department of Education Common Core Library for Families

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/ForFamilies/default.htm>

This site includes resources such as an Overview of Common Core and a script to accompany a brief video in multiple languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Urdu.