THE COMMON CORE HELPS YOUR CHILD GET AHEAD

GIVES THEM A COMPETITIVE EDGE FOR COLLEGE AND THEIR CAREER

FOCUSES ON HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK

KEEPS THE NJ SCHOOL SYSTEM ONE OF THE STRONGEST

THAT'S WHY THE COMMON CORE IS BACKED BY EDUCATORS & BUSINESS

- NJ's largest teachers' union
- NJ's Parent Teacher Association
- Principals
- Superintendents
- School board members
- Higher education
- NJ's Chamber of Commerce

STANDARDS, NOT CURRICULUM

The Common Core establishes what students should learn in math and English from kindergarten through high school. Local school districts choose the materials and detailed plans for day-to-day teaching that best help all students meet the standards.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students focus on problem solving, not rote memorization.

COLLABORATIVE WORK

Standards encourage collaboration across subjects and are technology-rich.

NEW IDEAS

Children build on what they've learned in the previous grade, from K through 12.

SET EXPECTATIONS

Kids don't have to play catch up when moving between school districts or states.

REAL WORLD CONCEPTS

English integrates more non-fiction, while math pushes a deeper understanding of core concepts.

FUTURE SUCCESS

Students are better prepared for the ACT and SAT, which are being updated to align with the standards.

STATE DRIVEN, NOT FEDERALLY MANDATED

In 2010, New Jersey and more than 40 other states chose to adopt the collaboratively developed Common Core standards.

New Jersey schools can and often do set expectations beyond the state standards. This approach is why New Jersey schools are consistently among the top five rated school systems in the U.S.

NEW JERSEY'S NEW STANDARDS ARE SUPPORTED BY

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BACKED BY EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND BUSINESS

Principals support the Common Core because these clear, consistent and targeted standards will benefit students in each classroom throughout New Jersey.

- PAT WRIGHT, NEW JERSEY PRINCIPALS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOC.

Far too many students are coming to community colleges without being academically prepared for college-level work. The new Common Core State Standards are aligned with the skills and knowledge necessary for college and career readiness.

- DR. RAYMOND YANNUZZI, NJ COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES

The Common Core fosters critical thinking, focuses on problem solving, and gives students a rich understanding of language and math.

- DR. BRIAN ZYCHOWSKI, NEW JERSEY ASSOC. OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce believes that the Common Core standards will improve all students' ability to suceed in the ultra-competitive processes of college admisisons and job acquisition.

- DANA EGRECZKY, NJ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NJPTA supports the Common Core State Standards initiative as a first step toward ensuring that all New Jersey's current and future students receive the best possible education no matter where they live.

– DEBBIE TYRRELL, NJ PARENT TEACHER ASSOC.

New Jersey selected the Common Core standards in 2010 to foster the skills required by employers and colleges today, such as higher-order thinking, problem solving and reasoning ability.

– DAVE HESPE, NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NJEA supports the Common Core State Standards as the next step in continuing to raise expectations for New Jersey's public school students. When educators are given the time and resources to retool their curricula as needed, students will benefit by achieving the new standards. As that work begins, the state can adjust the standards, as needed, to ensure they are age-appropriate and are meeting the needs of all students.

– WENDELL STEINHAUER, NJ EDUCATION ASSOC.

New Jersey has a 20-year tradition of successful standards-based education, and the state's adoption of the Common Core four years ago strengthens that foundation.

– DR. LARRY FEINSOD, NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC.

All students in New Jersey deserve an education that will pave the way for their success beyond high school. The Common Core represents New Jersey's continued commitment to that goal.

– JANELLEN DUFFY, JERSEYCAN

THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS GOOD FOR STUDENTS, GOOD FOR NEW JERSEY



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