New Jersey Department of Education

Educational Partnerships

Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

## PASS How Students Learn Using the Common Core State Standards

Implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) means that our schools are making some changes to teaching and learning so that students will be highly employable and ready to succeed in college. Business owners and colleges tell us that the CCSS updates will better prepare our students for the 21st century.

Today, jobs require new skills and knowledge and when our students graduate from high school they will work, perform and compete with others around the world.

Mastery of academic content is critical to a student's future success in college, career, and life. Therefore, it is the foundation of—and never overlooked in—CCSS classrooms. This allows students to learn in an environment similar to what they will experience in their future work environment.

### HOW WILL STUDENTS LEARN USING THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS?

Students will:

- Learn in an environment that is flexible, adaptive, diverse, and allows students to consider new ideas and new ways to solve complex problems.
- Explore the most important subject matter in greater depth.
- Develop and practice researching; collecting evidence to support an argument; learning and performing alone and in groups; new and multiple ways to solve problems; and reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Develop an academic mindset and have a strong belief in him/her self. They will trust their own abilities to persist and overcome obstacles. They will also learn from and support each other. They see the relevance of their schoolwork to the real world and their own future success.
- Learn in groups and will support each other. They will develop a strong sense of responsibility to the group and feel valued as part of the learning team.
- Review their strengths, weaknesses, work, and achievement levels. They will work with teachers to develop individual learning goals.
- Build their academic foundation in subjects like reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. They will understand key principles and procedures, recall facts, use the correct language, and draw on their knowledge to complete new tasks.
- Think critically, analytically, and creatively. They will know how to find, evaluate, and synthesize information to construct arguments.
- Communicate and understand multiple points of view and how to cooperate to achieve a shared goal.
- Communicate effectively in writing and in oral presentations. They structure information in meaningful ways, listen to and give feedback, and construct messages for particular audiences.
- Develop an ability to direct their own learning and design their own solutions to complex problems.
- Learn to view setbacks as opportunities for feedback and growth. Students who learn through self-direction are more adaptive than their peers.

**For more information, ask your child's teacher how they help students reach these learning goals in the classroom, then ask how you can support student learning at home.**

### FYI - HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROVISIONS IN ESEA

ESEA expands and formalizes home/school learning partnerships and parent involvement to benefit student achievement. All schools receiving federal Title I funds are required to meet the parent involvement provisions within the law. All other schools (those not receiving federal Title I funds) are strongly encouraged to adopt the requirements as local policy. The requirements reflect best practice and include assurance that:

- Districts and schools will provide parents with information in a language they understand;
- Parents' participation on decision-making committees will be expanded;
- Educators will have access to training on how to work with parents effectively;
- States will evaluate school-level parent involvement practices to ensure they are effective;
- Technical assistance will be provided to schools having difficulty implementing parent involvement activities that increase student achievement.