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COMMON CORE & NC ESSENTIAL STANDARDS

North Carolina's Standard Course of Study has been completely overhauled and new standards are to be implemented in classrooms beginning in 2012-13. **The current Standard Course of Study will continue to be taught and assessed during the 2011-12 school year.** New standards and assessments are to be implemented for the first time beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

The resources below are designed to help inform our parents and students of the upcoming changes and help teachers pattern their instruction and classroom student assessments to the state's newly adopted curriculum. The links below are to the **Curriculum Crosswalks**... those documents that show a side-by-side comparison of the current curriculum (2011-12) and the new curriculum (2012-13). All the crosswalks can be accessed at the [NC DPI website](#). Below are our crosswalks for 6th, 7th and 8th grades (*and 5th grade for reference*).

[5th Grade Science](#)
[6th Grade Science](#)
[7th Grade Science](#)
[8th Grade Science](#)

[5th Grade Social Studies](#)
[6th Grade Social Studies](#)
[7th Grade Social Studies](#)
[8th Grade Social Studies](#)

[5th Grade Mathematics](#)
[6th Grade Mathematics](#)
[7th Grade Mathematics](#)
[8th Grade Mathematics](#)
[Algebra 1](#)

[5th Grade Language Arts](#)
[6th Grade Language Arts](#)
[7th Grade Language Arts](#)
[8th Grade Language Arts](#)

[Music](#)
[Visual Arts](#)
[Health \(Middle School\)](#)
[Physical Education](#)

The [Essential Standards](#) are written using the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy (RBT) and are used to promote higher order thinking skills expected from 21st Century graduates. The Essential Standards are for: music, art, health/PE, science and social studies.

The [Common Core](#) is a set of national standards adopted by North Carolina on June 3, 2010 for [English Language Arts](#) and [mathematics](#).

Note: The links on this page to an external site. If they are not operational, please send a message to me at chris.barnes@onslow.k12.nc.us.