

Common Core State Standards

Key Facts for Parents and Community Members

- The Common Core State Standards are expectations for student outcomes in the core subjects of math and English. They are clear, consistent, understandable and rigorous.
- The Common Core State Standards are not curriculum. Curriculum decisions, like which textbooks to purchase and which books students should read, will continue to be made locally.
- The standards focus on the real-world skills and critical thinking that will prepare students for college and careers
- The effort to create The Common Core State Standards was a state-led initiative, and Tennessee has been involved from the beginning.