



REAL LEARNING FOR REAL LIFE

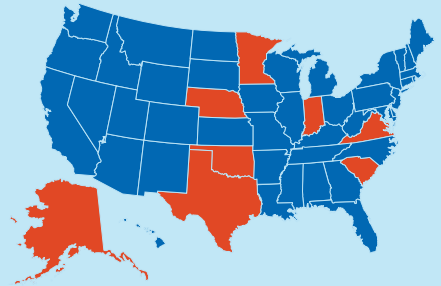
WHAT ARE COMMON CORE STANDARDS?

Common Core standards are **learning goals for grades K-12** in math and English.



43 states and the District of Columbia have adopted Common Core.

Children will learn what they need to know at the appropriate grade levels.



CURRICULUM



A curriculum is made up of teaching and learning materials that teachers use to help construct their day-to-day lesson plans.

There is no set curriculum for Common Core.

With the Common Core, **teachers will still create lesson plans and tailor instruction to meet the needs of individual students in their classrooms.**

ASSESSMENT=TEST

The assessment is the test aligned to Common Core that measures a student's college and career readiness. In our state, we use Smarter Balanced assessments.

Smarter Balanced is better than the old assessment/test because it measures deeper learning skills, such as critical thinking and problem solving. Children will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to real-world problems with this test.



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?



We live in a global economy. Common Core will ensure that children across the country are held to the same standards. If you move from Tacoma, WA to Los Angeles, CA your child's learning expectations will still be aligned.

The Common Core was developed using the most effective learning standards from high-performing states and nations.

Right now, Washington has **25,000 unfilled jobs** for highly skilled workers — and that number is **projected to grow to 50,000 by 2017.**

There are jobs that need to be filled and Common Core is helping to set up Washington students as viable applicants for these jobs.

