Core Understanding I

A Communication Toolkit for Connecting the SUHSD Community to Common Core and SBAC

Content adapted from work done by the San Mateo County Office of Education

Tis month's essential question: ***"How is learning different under the Common Core State Standards?"***

The new Common Core standards aren't a curriculum. Instead, they're a set of standards built around 21st-century skills that will help students prepare for college or a career. Individual teachers will use a variety of strategies to engage their students in discussion, close reading, and constructive debate. The standards are meant to empower teachers and students to continue to spend time listening, engaging with one another, and asking "why?"

FOR FAMILIES

Kyle Schwartz, a third-grade teacher in Denver, Colo. writes about the challenges he and his fellow teachers faced as they adapted their instruction to the Common Core standards. Take a look at how, not only high school teachers, but teachers at all levels are working to adapt their teaching to the new Common Core Standards.

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Tweet: Great op-ed by a teacher who argues that #CommonCore makes learning and instruction meaningful, via @washingtonpost http://wapo.st/1FTYO6o

FOR STUDENTS

This poster, from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Embrace the Core initiative, helps students identify the skills they need to be 21st-century learners—which is exactly what the Common Core is intended to do.

The graphic illustrates skills such as being able to communicate ideas, use tech tools, and have scaffolded support from parents and teachers. And it's perfect to hang in the classroom!

Post: All of our students are 21st-century learners, but are they mastering 21st-century skills? Take a look at this poster, and think about how you use these important skills every day. Print it out; hang it up!

(Note: for added visual appeal, consider adding a screenshot or image version of the PDF to your Facebook post.)

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FOR TEACHERS

Get inspired! Take advantage of opportunities to learn from other teachers by visiting the Teaching Channel. You'll find tons of videos for teachers, by teachers so you can watch, share, and learn new and innovative techniques.

Videos are sorted by subject, grade, and topic. Some even have designations noting the Common Core or Next Generation Science Standard they align with.

VIDEOS

FUN FACTS

Informational text plays an important role in the Common Core State Standards and in building content knowledge for students. Common Core prepares students to read, write, and research across the curriculum by more heavily incorporating nonfiction texts.

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