



### Introduction to Arizona's Common Core Standards Video

Hello, I'm Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Huppenthal. Welcome to the website of Arizona's Common Core Standards. This website is a proud partnership with the Governor's Office, Regional and County Education Service Agencies, and additional key education, non-profit and business organizations around the state. This website is designed to provide educators, students, parents, and community leaders with necessary and valuable information about Arizona's Common Core Standards.

In June 2010, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted Arizona's K-12 Common Core Standards for both English Language Arts and Mathematics. It's important to note several points:

The development of the common core standards was a state-led effort across 46 states with the input of content experts, teachers, researchers, higher education and business leaders.

Arizona was actively engaged in the development of the standards and continues to provide input and feedback to the development of shared resources and support materials.

The standards have been aligned with international benchmarks to help prepare our students to both compete and be compared within a global economy.

Teachers across our state have been actively engaged in learning about Arizona's Common Core standards so they can both adjust curriculum and transition their instruction to support students in meeting these rigorous expectations.

Students in grades 3 through 11 will first be assessed on these new standards in the 2014-2015 school year.

Arizona's Common Core Standards represent a significant and intentional shift in both teaching and learning to ensure we properly prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> century college and career success. These standards promote a movement away from simple and broad "coverage" of information, to a focused and deep study of content that incorporates real-world learning and application of knowledge.

Content literacy standards in science, social studies and technical subjects are also included to help ensure a comprehensive curriculum in which all teachers work toward shared goals for student success beyond high school.

Arizona's Common Core Standards represent an educational reform that will prepare all students for success in a variety of postsecondary options.

This is an exciting time in education. We are increasing rigor and asking our students to think, analyze, and apply knowledge and skills in ways that are directly relevant to their future success.

Thank you for your commitment to Arizona students and teachers. The Arizona Department of Education and our partners are committed to the success of every Arizona student and will continue to work collaboratively with educators across the state to prepare all students for future success.

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