

# Common Core State Standards Initiative: What Next?

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# Common Core State Standards Initiative Basics

- State-led effort initiated in 2009 by 48 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia
- Organized by the National Governors Association – Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers
- 43 states and DC have approved
- English Language Arts and Mathematics standards
- [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)





# Criteria

- Aligned with college & work expectations
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards
- Informed by top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in global economy and society
- Evidence and/or research-based

# National Organization Involvement

- American Council on Education (ACE)
- American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- American Mathematical Society (AMS)
- **Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)**
- Campaign for High School Equity (CHSE)
- Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS)
- International Reading Association (IRA)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
- National Education Association (NEA)

...and more



# Is CTE Included?

- ACTE support to ensure CTE was “at the table”
- CTE/ACTE representative on the Validation Committee
- Recognition from NGA/CCSSO that standards can be implemented across the curriculum
- Specific changes to draft of standards based on ACTE recommendations



# ACTE Recommendations

- Ensure goals of standards include explicit focus on career readiness
- Recognize the value of CTE courses in providing literacy skills
- Include additional samples of technical reading
- Include more “Career Readiness” evidence
- Include additional samples of math focused on career applications

# Teacher Preparation

- Read the standards or at least scan them to get an idea of what they are about
- In particular, read the mathematical practices and portrait of a student who is college and career ready in ELA
- Make known in our state that CTE needs “a place at the table” in order for Common Core to be successful

““States are leading the way in creating new standards designed to ensure that students graduate from high school ready for success in college and careers,” Secretary Duncan said. “To fully realize this vision, states need new assessments that measure a broader range of students’ knowledge and skills.”

- Dept. of Education press release,  
April 6, 2010

# Arkansas Next Steps

- **We have a representative on the state Common Core Task Force**
- **We are planning a Business & Technology / Common Core Conclave on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

# Invited guest will include!

- Elementary Principals/teachers
- Business Education Instructors
- Superintendants
- Middle School Principals
- Secondary Principals
- Teacher Educators

# Invited speakers will include!

- Emily Jordan Cox – Governors office
- Dr. Tom Kimbrell – Department of Ed
- Senator Bill Walker

# Invited Co Sponsors!

- Arkansas School Administrators Ass.
- Arkansas School Board Assn.
- Arkansas ACTE
- ASCE

# Discussion