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States Connect Through the Common Core

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Common Core State Standards bring strong advantages to students in California and in the United States. First, by unifying the expectations, assessments of educational quality and the federal funding that is based on such assessment will be more equitable. Second, students throughout the United States will be in a better position to compete with students throughout the world for university admission and for jobs in a global market. Finally, these standards define kindergarten through twelfth grade learning that will ensure that students are well prepared for post-secondary education and careers.

The CCSS have been adopted by 46 states across the United States. California's State Board of Education adopted the CCSS in August 2010. The National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers and California Teachers Association were included in the discussion and were given a voice in providing their input into the final version of the CCSS.

The CCSS have been developed for English Language Arts (ELA) and for mathematics. Common Core Literacy standards affect History, Social Science and Science instruction for the purpose of disciplinary literacy, but the CCSS are not content standards for these subjects. Please see the [ELA](#) and [Mathematics](#) sections for more specific information about ELA and math standards.

Visit <http://blogs.egusd.net/ccss/> for additional information regarding the Common Core and the ELA Common Core Standards.