

# The Common Core State Standards

## Get Set! Rhode Island Administrators



R.I. Department of Education

This guide provides information on implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), preparing your LEA / school for the PARCC assessment, and what you can do to help ensure a thoughtful transition.

### What resources are available for administrators to aid in transitioning to the Common Core?

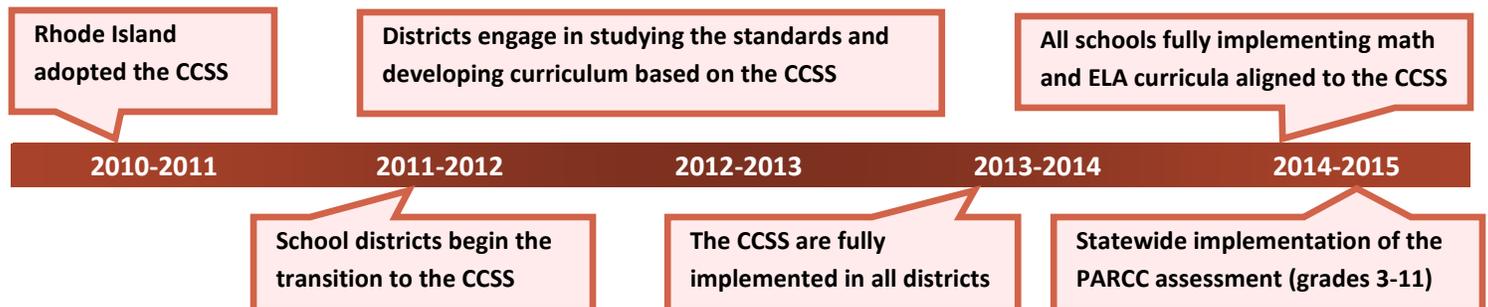
RIDE's Common Core Support Materials page ([www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/CommonCoreMaterials.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/CommonCoreMaterials.aspx)) contains a variety of high-quality resources for administrators and educators. Over 100 resources are organized into Introductory and Transition categories, and include modules, tools, examples, guides, videos, and presentations. Transition Resources include:

- ◆ **Diagnostic Tool for Schools and LEAs:** Review of System Capacity to Implement the CCSS
- ◆ **Transition Planning Resources:** LEA Transition Planning PowerPoint, LEA CCSS Transition Benchmarks, School Implementation Example, CCSS & PARCC Transition Timeline, Grade Level Transition Timeline Example
- ◆ **Implications for Assessment:** Changes to NECAP during the Transition to the CCSS, PARCC Model Content Frameworks
- ◆ **"After" Study the Common Core State Standards Workshop Supports:** Design & Organization of the CCSS, Learning Trajectory Protocols, Instructional Alignment Chart Protocol
- ◆ **ELA/Literacy:** Critical Areas of Focus, Text Complexity Modules, Text Dependent Questions Modules, Guide to Creating Questions for Close Analytic Reading, Close Reading Exemplars, Publishers' Criteria, RI Comprehensive Literacy Plan, Tri-State Rubric for ELA
- ◆ **Mathematics:** Critical Areas of Focus, Where to Focus: Math Shifts / Key Fluencies / Major Work of Grade, Distribution of the Domains for Mathematics, CCSS Mathematics Curriculum Materials Analysis Project, Tri-State Rubric for Mathematics
- ◆ **Science:** A Deeper Look at CCSS: Standards for Literacy in Science, Text Complexity Modules, Text Dependent Questions Modules
- ◆ **Resources for Diverse Learners:** IDEA Partnership's CCSS Collection, Strategies for Diverse Learners, UDL Principles, current research and presentations on diverse learners and the CCSS
- ◆ **Amplified WIDA English Language Development Standards:** Revised to integrate CCSS for all educators who work with ELLs.

### How does implementing the CCSS support other state, LEA, and school initiatives?

- ◆ **Collaboration:** Implementing the CCSS increases opportunities for LEAs to support each other in developing guaranteed and viable curriculum, professional development (e.g., formative assessment modules, data use PD), and sharing high quality curricular materials (e.g., units of study and lesson plans via the Instructional Management System [IMS]). [www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/IMS.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/IMS.aspx)
- ◆ **Comprehensive Assessment System:** Developing interim assessment items aligned to the CCSS creates opportunities for grades 3-11 in ELA/literacy and mathematics; while PARCC is also developing summative assessment tools including professional learning modules and diagnostic assessments. [www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment/CAS.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment/CAS.aspx)
- ◆ **Professional Growth:** Educators and schools can create Professional Growth Goals focused on the CCSS. Educators can use many CCSS materials on the web site to provide focus for collaborative time, PD sessions, or even independent study.

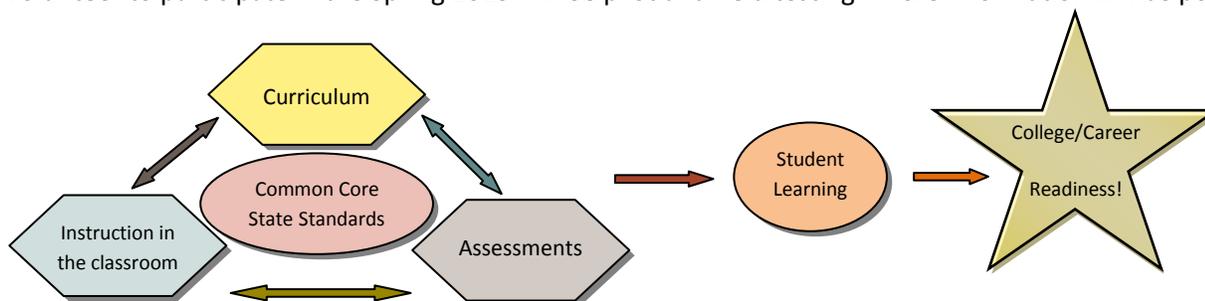
### What is the timeline for implementation of the CCSS and the PARCC assessment in Rhode Island?



## How does PARCC fit in with the transition? How can my LEA / school get a head start on preparing for PARCC?

Beginning in 2014-15, the PARCC assessment will assess the CCSS for grades 3-11. The PARCC consortium has created resources, most notably the Model Content Frameworks, as a bridge between the CCSS and PARCC. To prepare for PARCC:

- Study the Model Content Frameworks for ELA/Literacy and for Mathematics with your educators. Use the CCSS resources on the RIDE website to deepen teachers' understanding and implementation of the CCSS.
- Use the online Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) to assist you in budgeting for the technology required for assessment implementation. TRT-related resources are available through the RI State Readiness Committee at [Assess4Ed.net](http://Assess4Ed.net).
- Volunteer to participate in the Spring 2013 PARCC pilot and field testing. More information will be posted Fall 2012.



## What opportunities exist to work together with other LEAs on the transition?

- ◆ **Conversations:** Professional meetings (e.g., RIASP, RISSA, Assistant Superintendents/Curriculum Directors meetings at RIDE) and Collaborative Learning for Outcomes sessions
- ◆ **Curriculum:** Race to the Top (and non-RTT) curriculum cohorts and the Instructional Management System (IMS) [www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/IMS.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/IMS.aspx)
- ◆ **Collaboration:** professional development / training (e.g., Study the Standards, Professional Growth Goals relating to CCSS), CCSS professional development modules ([www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/CommonCoreMaterials.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/CommonCoreMaterials.aspx))

## What should I be doing in this 2012-2013 school year?

- ◆ As a district leader ...
  - Meet with principals and curriculum developers to use the Diagnostic Tool on the RIDE web site to update your CCSS implementation plan.
  - Plan opportunities to engage and support principals and teachers in implementing the CCSS.
  - Connect with RI's Educator Leader Cadre for support (e.g., PD, meetings) in transitioning to the CCSS and PARCC.
  - Encourage the use of the Technology Readiness Tool to help budget for district technology needs.
- ◆ As a building leader...
  - Ask your district leaders about using the Diagnostic Tool to review / update your district's and school's CCSS implementation plan.
  - Carve out time where possible and support teachers in deepening understanding and aligning instruction to the CCSS.
  - Stay informed about PARCC and review RIDE's web site for new CCSS resources to share with your teachers.
  - Update the Technology Readiness tool to help determine school technology needs and readiness.

## Where can I find additional information about the CCSS and PARCC assessment?



**Common Core State Standards, PARCC, & curriculum transition information – sign up for the RSS feed:**  
[www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/transition.aspx](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/transition.aspx)



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