



SUPPORT FOR COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

To help states and others better understand the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that were recently created by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers in mathematics and English language arts, Achieve has created a range of materials, which are available at www.achieve.org/AchievingCommonCore. The materials focus on the organization, content and evidence base used to support the standards, including fact sheets that describe the content areas and address frequently asked questions about the standards.

Achieve's materials and resources around common core adoption and implementation include:

Content Briefs: With support from the Brookhill Foundation, Achieve reviewed the final mathematics CCSS and created content comparison briefs that compare and contrast the final version of the CCSS against a number of well-known and well-regarded benchmarks, including international comparisons, high-performing states' standards and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Download briefs at www.achieve.org/achievingcommoncore_comparisonbriefs.

Implementation Guide: To realize the full potential of the CCSS and ensure the new standards actually reach the classroom level, states will need to think through critical issues including (but not limited to): how to integrate the new standards into the broader college- and career-ready agenda; how to leverage budgets to support implementation; and how to best communicate about the new standards. Achieve has developed a series of implementation papers for states and districts to consider as they move from adoption to implementation of the CCSS. Achieve will update the guide as necessary to cover new topics and dig deeper into existing topics. Download *On the Road to Implementation* at http://www.achieve.org/achievingcommoncore_implementation.

Model Math Pathways: Achieve (in partnership with the CCSS mathematics writing team) convened a group of experts to develop Model Course Pathways in Mathematics based on the CCSS. Achieve recognized that the task of organizing the high school mathematics standards into courses is a daunting one, and during the development of the standards many states and districts expressed an interest in seeing models about how this task could be accomplished. Four model pathways were created. You can download them at <http://www.achieve.org/mathpathways>.