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## **COMMON CORE RESOURCE ANNOUNCED**

The Arkansas Department of Education wants educators, parents and students in Arkansas to be as informed as they possibly can about the Common Core State Standards initiative, which is an effort to align curriculum among public schools across the country.

Dr. Laura Bednar, assistant commissioner for learning services, touts a website put together by Teresa Chance, the assistant director at the Northwest Arkansas Educational Service Cooperative in Farmington.

"This is, by far, the best resource available," Bednar said. "It's an amazing resource."

Arkansas will begin the transition to Common Core, for grades K-2 in the fall for the 2011-2012 school year.

"The new standards will ensure that children — no matter where they live — have the knowledge and skills to excel in college and the workforce," said Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell.

The new Common Core resource can be found at

<http://web.me.com/acaciatc/UACC/Intro.html>

There is also a link to it from the department's website under "What's New" at <http://www.arkansased.org/>

The move to implement Common Core has been driven by states. The Arkansas Board of Education adopted Common Core in July, 2010.

To date, 42 states and the District of Columbia have formally adopted Common Core.