



Let your voice be heard in rebuilding the Greater New Orleans area.

Citizens for 1 SUPPORTS COMMON CORE

Citizens for 1 supports the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and believes that they are an essential part of the educational reform taking place in Louisiana and across the U.S.A.

Why Does Common Core Matter?

“For 16 years, across three governors and five legislatures, the Louisiana accountability plan has improved the lives of children in our state. We are at a pivotal time, and it is important that BESE make improvements. But, for our children, and for their children, BESE must continue the Louisiana plan.” op-ed *News Star*, 2/21/15

Mike Walsworth, R-West Monroe, represents District 33; Sen. Eric LaFleur, D-Ville Platte, represents District 28; Rep. Chir Broadwater, R-Hammond, represents District 86; Rep. Walt Leger, D-New Orleans, District 91

The Louisiana accountability plan has as its foundation Common Core Standards. It is critically important to the future of our communities to resist the temptation to step back and erase the progress of the past years. We must ensure that the education of our citizens enables them to compete with any student in our nation and the world.

What is Common Core?

The Common Core State Standards, often called Common Core, are descriptions of reading, writing, and math skills for grades K-12 that focus on the ability to think independently and solve problems, reflecting the demands of our current world economy.

Who Created the Common Core Standards?

The standards were drafted in 2009 at the request of the National Governor’s Association and the Council of State School Officers. They received widespread *bi-partisan* national support and by 2012, 44 states and the District of Columbia had adopted the standards. Our governor and our state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) were among the first to adopt Common Core in 2010. The following organizations endorsed adopting Common Core standards: Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, Council of Teachers of English, English Standards Review Committee, Louisiana Association of Educators, Louisiana Association of Principals, Louisiana Association of Superintendents, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics, Louisiana School Boards Association, Math Standards Review Committee, National Teacher Association, Teachers Federation of America, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

When Will Louisiana Teachers Start Teaching the Common Core Standards?

Louisiana teachers have been preparing for the new standards for years and now base their instruction on them.

Commonly Misunderstood Facts About Common Core

*States, not the federal government, led the creation of these standards.

*There is no such thing as a Common Core Curriculum. The Common Core sets standards and goals for what all U.S. students are expected to learn at each grade level. A curriculum is how the standards are taught; Common Core is the high bar and the curriculum is the teachers coaching students to clear it. Louisiana districts choose curriculum, not the state or the federal government.

*Teachers will be evaluated according to how their students score on the PARCC (the new test aligned with Common Core). There is no federal, state, or district mandate regarding how the scores are used to review teacher effectiveness. This is a separate issue still under consideration and negotiation.

Please Join Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans in Supporting Common Core

Write your legislators; explain to your family and friends. Stand up for what is right for our children.

Which Louisiana Groups Support the Common Core State Standards?

Albemarle	Lincoln Builders, INC
Alliance for Education	Louisiana Association of Business & Industry
Baton Rouge Area Chamber	Louisiana Association of Independent Schools
Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO)	Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools
Blueprint Louisiana	Louisiana Association of School Librarians
Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.	Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics
Bossier Chamber of Commerce	Louisiana Core Advocates Teachers
Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region	Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association
Cajun Industries, LLC	Louisiana Oil & Gas Association
Cajun Maritime, LLC	Louisiana Science Teachers Association
Center for Development and Learning	Military Child Education Coalition
Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce	Monroe Chamber of Commerce
CenturyLink	National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section
Chamber Southwest Louisiana	New Orleans Chamber
Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans	New Schools for Baton Rouge
Committee of 100 Louisiana	New Orleans Business Council
Committee of 100 Shreveport-Bossier	New Schools for New Orleans
Community Coffee	Noesis Data, LLC
Contech Engineered Solutions	Red Stick Robotics
Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL)	River Region Chamber of Commerce
Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives, Tulane University	Robert Evans, Con-Tech International
Dupre Logistics, LLC	Roy O. Martin
Eastbank Collaborative of Charter Schools	Shell Oil Company
Educate Now!	Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education
Education's Next Horizon	South Louisiana Economic Council
ExxonMobil	Sparkhound
Fenstermaker	Stand for Children Louisiana
Fleur de Lis New Orleans Cuisine	Stirling Properties
Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce	Teach for America
Greater New Orleans, Inc.	The Achievement Network
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce	The Cain Center for STEM Literacy
Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce	The New Teacher Project
ISC Constructors, LLC	TTD
Jefferson Business Council	United Way of Acadiana
Jefferson Chamber of Commerce	United Way of Southeast Louisiana
LA Association of Science Leaders	Urban League of Greater New Orleans

