

## History of Common Core Standards

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1989--State Governors met with President George H.W. Bush and agreed to produce, for the first time, ambitious national goals for education to be achieved by 2000. In 1991 a plan for national standards and achievement tests was defeated in Congress.

1994—President Clinton passed legislation that was the first to establish the *concept* of standards-based reform as the basis for state and national education policy.

1999—Louisiana begins state wide testing through LEAP, iLEAP and GEE.

2001—No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), under President George W. Bush, required mandatory state participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), a test established in 1969. This provides rankings by state, but not by school. NCLB also required states to construct their own tests for grades 3 – 8 and once in high school. There was a “high stakes” component in grades 4, 8 and high school.

2006—Former North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., convened a small group of educators in Raleigh to consider national standards. As a follow-up several education policy groups began to meet—Aspen Institute, the Education Trust, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, the Alliance for Excellent Education—to explore the idea of developing national standards.

2007—The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the National Governors Association (NGA) joined the discussion and examined the practices of nations that performed at a high level on international tests.

2009—The NGA and CCSSO agreed to a memorandum of agreement to develop common standards and assessments. The Alliance for Excellent Education, the Business Roundtable, the National Association of State Boards of Education were among those named as formal partners. ACT and the College Board were also brought to the table. Work groups in English Language arts (ELA) and Mathematics were formed to develop standards and to break them down by K – 12 grades.

Sept. 2009—draft standards to be achieved by the end of high school were released for public comment.

2009—concurrently work groups for math and ELA were formed. These included 51 people in math and 50 in ELA. These individuals had expertise in assessment, curriculum design, cognitive development, child development, and ELA acquisition.

March 2010—the draft for public comment on the standards by grade were released.

June 2010—final standards by grade were released.

June 2, 2010—Common Core State Standards were announced in Suwanee, Georgia.

July, 2010—Louisiana adopted the Common Core State Standards to be implemented in the 2015-16 school year.

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