

Common Core: Where to Begin and How to Integrate with Differentiated Instruction

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AGENDA FOR TODAY

What do we already know about Common Core State Standards (CCSS)?

Why were CCSS created and how do they impact today's classrooms?

Although CCSS do not suggest specific instructional strategies, differentiated instruction is effective in meeting the expectations of the Standards.

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College and Career Readiness Skills and the 21st Century Skills---strong connections to differentiated instruction

Textual Complexity and Interdisciplinary Literacy---DI is a necessary tool

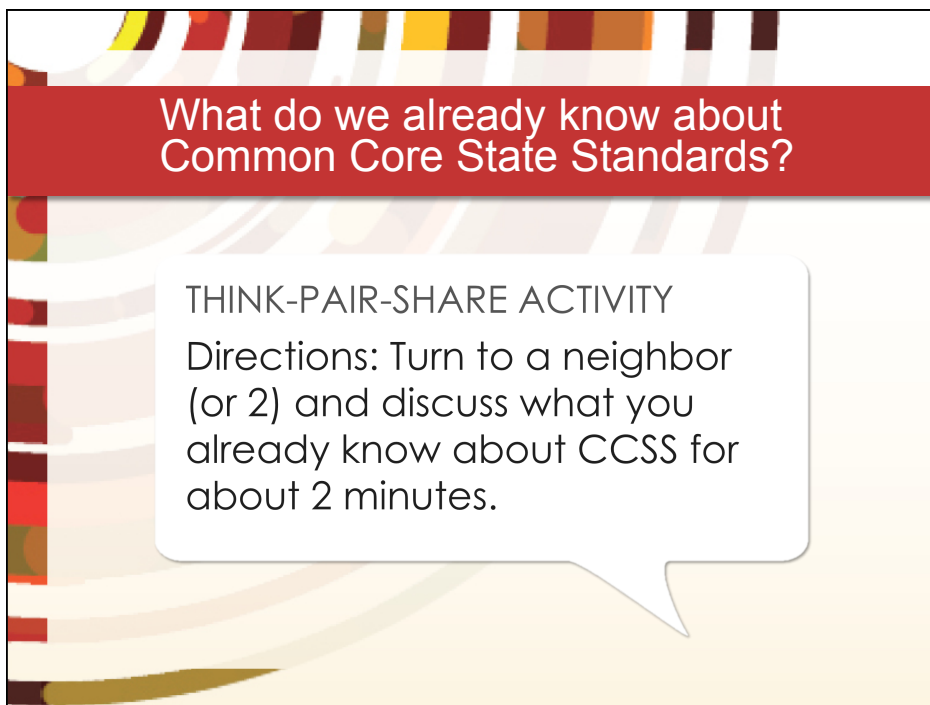
SOME GUIDING QUESTIONS (ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS)

What are the expectations of CCSS? What are not the expectations of CCSS?

How do we build a synergetic context between CCSS, curriculum, assessment, and differentiated instruction?



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THINK-PAIR-SHARE ACTIVITY
Directions: Turn to a neighbor
(or 2) and discuss what you
already know about CCSS for
about 2 minutes.

What do we know about CCSS? The 21st Century 3 Rs

Designed to be **robust, relevant**, and **rigorous**.

Robust: higher level thinking

Relevant: engagement, student involvement, brain-based research


Rigorous: high expectations, critical thinking, challenging thinking

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:


Prescribe specific instructional strategies and/or curriculum.

Interventions for students who are performing below grade level or who have special needs.

Support for English Language Learners (ELL)



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- Intended to create greater consistency for student performance and expectations among states.
- NAEP data indicates that the majority of students are not college and career ready.

21st Century Skills

PROBLEM SOLVING

TEAM WORK

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

RESEARCH

CRITICAL THINKING

CCSS FRAMEWORK

Your curriculum and assessment are the “guts” and CCSS is the overall design.



FIGURING OUT THE FRAMEWORK

Close reading of the document is essential.
Read the Standards and all goals.

Discussion, interpretation, close reading and analysis is necessary.

	K-5		6-12	
Strands	English Language Arts		English Language Arts	Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects
Strand Sets College & Career Readiness Anchor Standards	Anchor Standard: Reading			
	<i>Key Ideas and Details, Grades 6-12. Standard 2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.</i>			
Grade-Specific Standards				
Reading, Standard 2.				
Grade	Literature	Informational Text		
6	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgment.		
7	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.		
8	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.		

FIGURE 5.1: Reading the CCSS with an example.

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Activity: As You Read the Standards

Where are there opportunities for differentiated instruction?

<http://www.corestandards.org/>

Looking at the Structure and Hierarchy of CCSS

Do the competencies have to be taught in the order presented in the document?

Answer: No! The competencies are a guideline for ongoing instruction and are NOT intended to be units, activities, or skills.

The competencies are NOT intended to be a grocery list of content skills that are taught and then checked off.

Top Differentiation Strategies

- Pre-assessment
- Curriculum Compacting
- 5 Most Difficult First
- Flexible Grouping
- Questioning
- Open-Ended Tasks
- Tiering
- Learning Contracts
- Choice Boards
- Independent Projects

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