

Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Overview

- San Francisco Unified School District , along with all school districts in California and others throughout the country, will begin shifting to a new set of learning standards in 2013–2014 called the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The Common Core State were created to ensure that all students graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college, career, and life, regardless of where they attend school.

Importance

- The new Common Core Standards will affect the teaching and learning that happens in the classroom. The curriculum focuses on developing critical thinking skills. Students will have more opportunities to explain their thinking in all subject areas, including math. Along with this change comes new testing called the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Student will take these tests on computers.
- [Standards-based report cards](#)
- [Changes in standardized testing for SFUSD students FAQ](#)

Steps to Take

- Review the attached information on Common Core Standards
- Ask your principal how the standards are being implemented at your school

Links for more Information

- [3 minute video overview of common core](#)
- [PTA Common Core overview booklet](#)