

## FORUM CONNECTION SPECIAL

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### NEW NATIONWIDE STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS PROPOSED

**The Common Core State Standards Initiative** is a joint effort by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) in partnership with Achieve, ACT and the College Board. Governors and state commissioners of education from across the country committed to joining a state-led process to develop a common core of state standards in English-language arts and mathematics for grades K-12. These standards will be research and evidence-based, internationally benchmarked, aligned with college and work expectations and include rigorous content and skills. The NGA Center and CCSSO are coordinating the process to develop these standards and have created an expert validation committee to provide an independent review of the common core state standards, as well as the grade-by-grade standards. Governors and chief state school officers in 48 states and 3 territories have endorsed this effort.

To view the proposed standards go to <http://www.corestandards.org/Standards/index.htm>

#### FEEDBACK REQUESTED

The NGA Center and CCSSO are soliciting feedback that is supported by research and evidence. To provide feedback on the proposed standards, go to <http://www.corestandards.org/> and click on the phrase indicated.

**The deadline for submitting feedback is October 21, 2009.**

#### TIMELINE

Winter 2009/2010 – K-12 common core state standards in English-language arts and mathematics completed and publicly released.

Early 2010, states submit timeline and process for adoption of common core state standards in English-language arts and mathematics.

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