TEACHERS AT THE CORE

The Common Core State Standards are academic goals in math and English language arts (ELA), developed by educators and others in states, that help to ensure all students graduate high school with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and career. Moving beyond simply memorizing facts and figures, the new standards challenge our students to develop a deeper understanding of subject matter, think critically and apply what they learn to the real world.

MORE THAN 45 STATES HAVE ADOPTED THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

WHAT DO TEACHERS THINK ABOUT THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS?

TEACHERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT THE COMMON CORE

3 OUT OF 4
AFT and NEA teachers support the Common Core

76% of teachers nationally support the Common Core
Education Next/PEPG, 2013

73% of math, ELA, science and social studies teachers in Common Core states are enthusiastic about implementation
Scholastic, July 2013

TEACHERS BELIEVE THE COMMON CORE WILL HELP STUDENTS

7 IN 10 teachers are confident the Common Core will better prepare students for college and the workforce
MetLife, Oct/Nov 2012

77% of math and ELA teachers think the Common Core will have a positive impact on students’ critical thinking and reasoning skills
Scholastic, July 2013

EVEN GOOD CHANGES ARE HARD

TEACHERS NEED SUPPORT TO HELP STUDENTS MEET THE NEW STANDARDS

Teachers want professional development opportunities and tools to help ensure their students master the Common Core. Top choices include:

- Student-centered technology & resources
- Professional development on how to teach the standards
- New strategies and assessments to measure student progress
- New curricula and learning tools aligned to the new standards

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY TWEETING WITH #COMMONCORE AND #SUPPORTTHECORE