

Common Core State Standards

Superintendent's Parent Forum

Information Session

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Goals for today...

- Know what the Common Core State Standards are and how to get more information about them.
- Have a sense of the LBUSD Common Core implementation time line.
- Cite the three shifts in practice in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics.
- Take away an idea for how to support your child or school.

What are the CCSS?

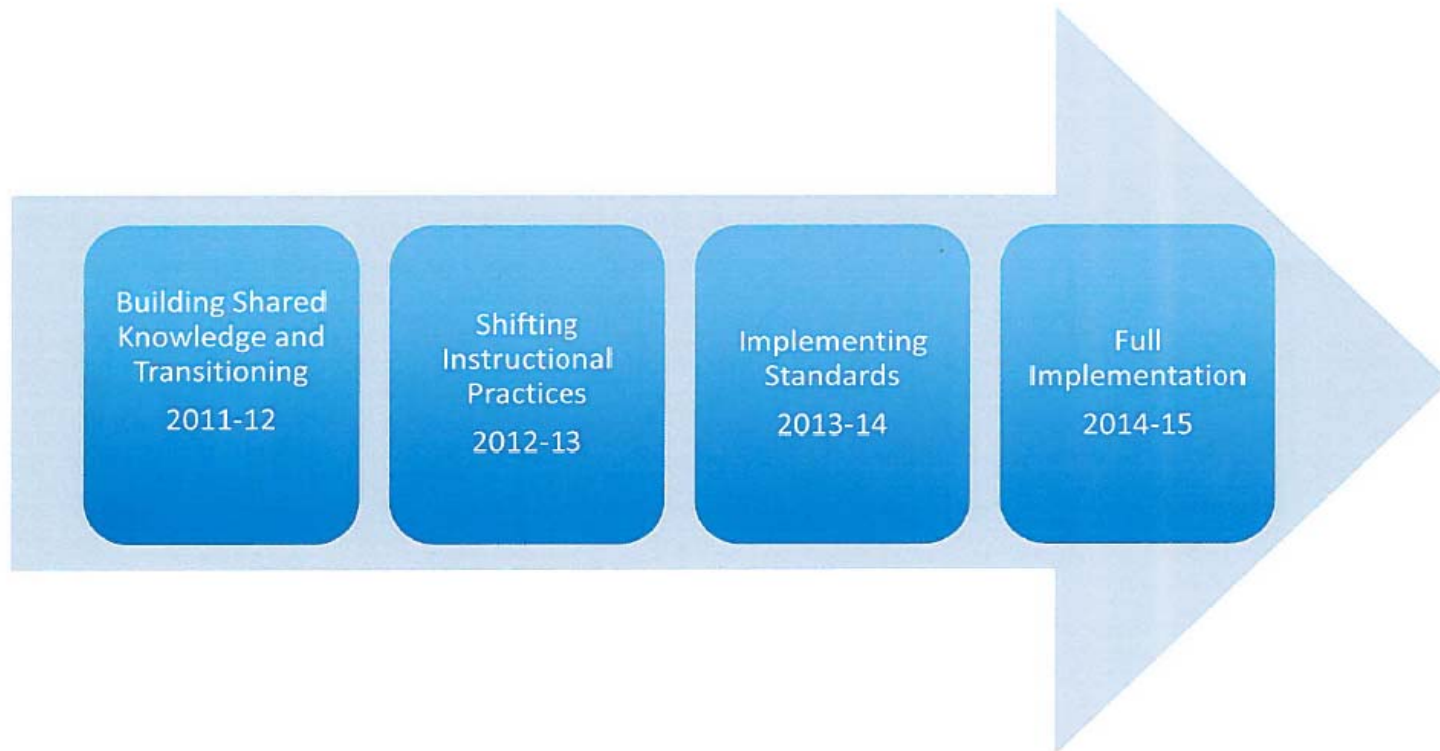
- “What all students should know and be able to do.”
- Common standards adopted by 45 states in the continental United States.
- Designed to ensure that ALL students are ready to meet college and work expectations and that students are provided with rigorous, challenging coursework.

What impact will CCSS have on students?

- Engagement in rigorous coursework.
- Skill development for future college and career readiness.
- Engagement in technology that propels content area learning and advances students' use of technology.
- A sense of how an individual student's achievement relates to others in the U.S. (where CCSS has been adopted).
- Students who can “read like detectives and write like reporters.”

How is LBUSD working to implement CCSS?

Chance for Change . . . And the Challenge



CCSS Shifts in Language Arts/Literacy:

- **Building knowledge** through content rich non-fiction.
- Reading, writing and speaking grounded in **evidence from the text** (both literary and informational).
- Regular practice with **complex text** and its academic language.

Parent support for the ELA shifts...

- Provide more non-fiction text and read aloud with your child.
- Ask your child to share their textbooks (Science, Social Studies, Health) with you.
- Ask your child to give you “evidence” of why they think or believe something from what they have read or from an experience.
- Encourage reading and writing and allow it to be “hard” or for your child to “grapple” at times.

CCSS Shifts in Mathematics...

- **Focus** strongly where the Standards focus.
- **Coherence:** Think across grade levels and link to major topics within grade levels.
- **Rigor:** In major topics, pursue conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency and application.

Parent support for the Math shifts...

- Ensure that your child knows his/her Math Facts.
- Engage in a real world Math problem/discussion when it exists in your own life.
- Share your thinking, about how you would find the answer to a problem, with your child.
- Get to know what your child is learning at their particular grade level.

What all schools in LBUSD are doing...

- Teacher training by LBUSD Curriculum Staff
 - This training will impact every elementary, middle, K-8, and high school teacher.
- Principal training
 - This training will impact every elementary, middle and K-8 staff.
- Small Learning Community training
 - This training will impact every SLC staff.
- School Modules (5)
 - This training will be held at every elementary, middle and K-8 school.

More ideas for parents...

- Be a “researcher” and use the internet as a resource for learning more about CCSS, but be a wise consumer (see suggested websites).
- Ask your child about how things are changing in his/her classroom to get a student’s perspective on the ELA and Math shifts.
- Support your school’s effort to increase their informational text resources.

Questions/Answers