

## Focus

- For English, the K-5 standards establish student expectations in reading, writing, speaking, listening and language across different subjects. For grades 6-12, the standards establish English standards as well as a section in history and social studies and science.
- For math, the standards focus on math practices that all levels of students need to develop.

## Support

The Common Core State Standards Initiative enjoys the support of many of the nation's top organizations in the areas of education including:

- Achieve
- ACT Inc.
- American Federation of Teachers
- Business-Higher Education Forum
- National Association of State Boards of Education
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- National Education Association
- National PTA
- National School Boards Association
- State Higher Education Executive Officers
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Department of Education

## Illinois State Board of Education

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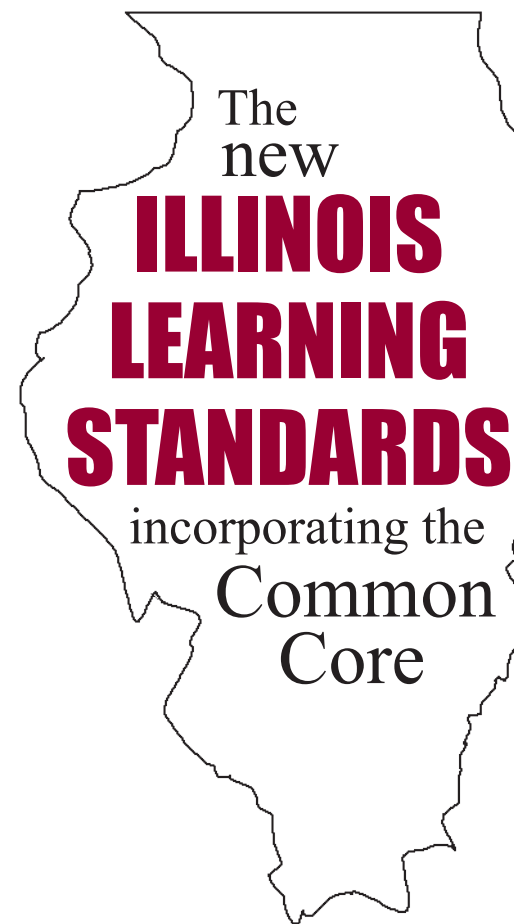
**Mission:** The Illinois State Board of Education will provide leadership, assistance, resources and advocacy so that every student is prepared to succeed in careers and postsecondary education, and share accountability for doing so with districts and schools.

### Goals

- No. 1: Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school.
- No. 2: Every student will be supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders.
- No. 3: Every school will offer a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

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## Overview

- The Illinois State Board of Education has adopted new academic standards for K-12 education known as the Common Core State Standards.
- The goal of these standards is to better prepare Illinois students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy.
- The state's previous standards were adopted in 1997.
- The new standards aim to provide clear, consistent academic benchmarks with “fewer, clearer and higher” academic standards.

## Development of standards

- The new standards were developed through a process led by U.S. states to craft academic standards that establish clear and consistent benchmarks for essential learning and skills. They are the best and highest of state standards.
- Since 2009, administrators, teachers and education experts have provided important feedback towards the development of the Standards.
- The first standards were developed for the K-12 areas of mathematics and English. Subsequent standards will be adopted for science and other subjects.
- The standards define the level of knowledge and skills that students should possess from their K-12 education. By achieving these standards, students will be prepared to enter college and training programs to join the work force.

### FOR STUDENTS

Clear standards will help students and parents understand the skills and knowledge students are expected to attain in each year of academic study.

### FOR TEACHERS

Common Core State Standards will allow teachers to be prepared to teach to clear, learning goals for students. It is important to note: The Common Core Standards do not dictate how a teacher should teach to meet the goals.

### FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Clear standards will allow school officials to design curricula to meet these expectations and in years to come, research will show what works best. Experts expect these new standards to allow for greater quality, cost effectiveness and the ability to make fair comparisons of achievement from state to state.

### FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

With these clear academic benchmarks, higher education programs and professional development opportunities can better prepare teachers in how to best achieve success for their students.