

Arizona Common Core Standards Deer Valley Unified School District



CCSS Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.corestandards.org/frequently-asked-questions>

ADE Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.azed.gov/azcommoncore/>

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce.

The standards are informed by the highest, most effective models from states across the country and countries around the world, and provide teachers and parents with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn. Consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live.

The Common Core Standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs.

The standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based.

There are 45 states and 3 territories that have formally adopted the new standards. The states that have adopted the common core standards participate in one of two consortiums. AZ is one of 23 states that joined PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) that is in the process of creating assessments to measure student learning for grades K-12. Our current AZ state assessment is for grades 3 -8 and 10. As you can see one shift is that we will be assessing students throughout their 13 years rather than just 7/13 years. The assessments go from multiple choice to multiple part questions for both ELA (English language arts) and math. PARCC website: www.parcconline.org/

Example of a prototype question:

http://www.ccsstoolbox.com/parcc/PARCCPrototype_main.html

Go to the PARCC Prototyping Project box on the left hand side and click on one of the tasks grade level bands.