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Fact Sheet: North Carolina's Career & College Ready Standards - Common Core State Standards

- Education, talent development and talent retention are vital for a secure future, economic growth and good jobs.
- In 2009, governors, state superintendents, state boards of education, teachers, parents and business leaders took the historic step of planning for a shared set of rigorous, globally-competitive and easy-to-understand state academic standards in English/language arts and mathematics for grades K-12.
- These Common Core State Standards, which were released in 2010, clearly define what students need to know, and how well they need to know these things at each grade level, to be able to graduate from high school ready for success in college or a career-training program.¹
- North Carolina's Career and College Ready Standards are not a curriculum. They are a clear set of goals and expectations for the knowledge and skills that will prepare students to succeed.
- Make no mistake, the career and college ready standards are high. The Fordham Institute – a conservative think-tank known as a “tough grader” on state education efforts – analyzed these Common Core State Standards and found them to be more rigorous than North Carolina's previous standards.²
- These high standards are global. In fact, the U.S. military has adopted these same, challenging standards for all Department Of Defense schools around the world.³
- Because these standards are coordinated and rigorous, every North Carolina child (and their teachers), no matter what community or military base they live in, will have the same high expectations. This remains true for students coming from most other states or an international military base.
- In 2010, after rigorous review, including input and feedback from business and industry, North Carolina began implementation of these high, globally competitive standards.
- Our students and teachers are striving for higher levels of learning to better prepare students to succeed, whether they go on to post-secondary education or enter the workforce after graduating from high school.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina's population is expected to grow by 3 million people by 2030. As these new families, businesses and military personnel come to our state; they must know that our schools are working hard to ensure all kids reach these 21st century expectations.
- We must support our teachers and students who are doing the heavy lifting. We must give them time, support and encouragement as they move to higher, real-world standards – not just memorization and test taking – to prepare all students for real, local jobs.
- In working to be the most competitive in the world, North Carolina must provide support and professional development for teachers as they implement the internationally benchmarked career and college ready standards. Allowing teachers to focus on supporting all North Carolina students to be globally competitive is paramount.
- These career and college ready standards are critical to the United States leading the way for jobs in the 21st century, global economy. With the business community and educators working together, we have no doubt North Carolina can be the leader in education in the 21st century.
- We must prepare our kids to succeed in the world they will work in, not just today's classrooms. With high levels of learning, our teachers are helping prepare each student with real-world skills to join the workforce of tomorrow.
- North Carolina's high, career and college ready standards are a critical piece of our children's success in the real world as well as the economic future of our communities.

¹ Education Week

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2013/06/18/36laine.h32.html?tkn=VQUFmoFE7JOUyc0muVYGQra32h5kEm86d0RR&cmp=clp-edweek>

² <http://standards.educationgadfly.net/#nc>

³ Military Child Education Coalition <http://www.militarychild.org/public/upload/images/OTM-CommonCore.pdf>