

Common Core State Standards

The California Common Core State Standards prepare children and youth for the challenges of a constantly changing world by learning step-by-step real-world skills they need for college and career.

California is putting these standards to work, using them as the **foundation for remodeling our education system**. The standards keep the best of what we have, and replace outdated ways of learning with a clear focus on the key concepts and skills students need. They also provide teachers the time to teach them well.

Like an orchestra learning a challenging new symphony, bringing these standards to life in our schools will take time and energy, and the costs must be managed over time. These standards **provide every part of our education system the same “sheet of music”** with clear goals of career and college readiness for all. To make this happen, we all have a part to play.

Plumas Lake Elementary School District Focus

Implementing the CA Common Core State Standards is a key part of Plumas Lake Elementary School District's Strategic Plan.

We are committed to ensuring our programs and curricula are relevant to the real-world, reflecting the knowledge and **21st century skills** our young people need for success in both college and work.

We are focused on developing creative and critical thinkers who communicate effectively, value diversity and are ready to excel in a global society.

CA CCSS Overview K-8 English Language Arts

- **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards**
- **Grade Level Standards for Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening**
- **Literacy Standards in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects**

Reading

- ❖ A progressive development of reading comprehension ensures students gain more from what they read.
- ❖ An emphasis on text complexity and sophistication in grade level texts promotes necessary rigor.

Writing

- ❖ Focuses on composing different types of writing:
 - Argumentative/Opinion pieces
 - Informative/Explanatory writings
 - Narrative texts
 - Research Projects
- ❖ Infuses use of technology in creation, refinement, and collaboration in writing.

Speaking and Listening

- ❖ Focuses on speaking and listening in a range of settings, both formal and informal in small group and whole class discussion.
- ❖ Emphasizes effective communication practices.
- ❖ Requires interpretation and analysis of message as presented through oral, visual or multimodal formats.

Language

- ❖ Includes conventions for writing and speaking.
- ❖ Requires vocabulary and correct grammar to be addressed in context of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

CA CCSS Overview K-8 Mathematics

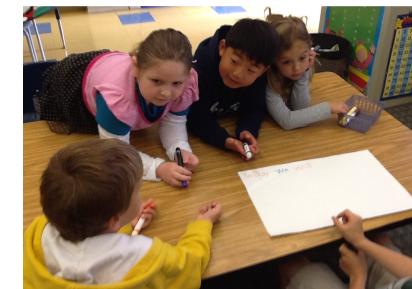
- **Conceptual Development**
- **Fluency with Core Skills**
- **Meaningful Learning**

Mathematical Practice

- ❖ Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- ❖ Reason abstractly and quantitatively
- ❖ Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
- ❖ Model with mathematics
- ❖ Use appropriate tools strategically
- ❖ Attend to precision
- ❖ Look for and make use of structure
- ❖ Look for an express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Mathematical Content

- ❖ K-5 Develop a strong concrete to conceptual foundation in number and operations, including fractions and decimals.
- ❖ 6-8 Develop a robust understanding of algebra, geometry, probability, and statistics.



Grade Level specific California Common Core State Standards may be found on our website:

www.PLES.org

Why Common Core?

The California Common Core State Standards are a state led effort coordinated by the National Governors' Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The Common Core State Standards for California provide students the following:

- **PREPARATION:** The standards are college and career ready.
- **COMPETITION:** The standards are internationally benchmarked, ensuring our students are globally competitive.
- **EQUITY:** Expectations are consistent for all and not dependent on a student's zip code.
- **CLARITY:** The standards are focused, coherent, and clear.
- **COLLABORATION:** The standards create a foundation to work collaboratively across states and districts.



Other Resources For Parents and Guardians

California Department of Education CCSS:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Practice Test:

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

National PTA: Parents' Guide to Student Success

<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>



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