General Information

1. Maryland Classroom on Common Core and PARCC (May 2013 issue)
This edition of Maryland Classroom, a publication from the Maryland State Department of Education, specifically addresses the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Maryland's new State curriculum aligned to the standards as well as the new, next generation assessments.

2. The Common Core State Standards
This document explains the development of the CCSS and the major shifts involved in English/language arts (ELA), literacy, and mathematics education. This two-page document gives readers a sense of how the new standards prepare students for college and career readiness by the time they graduate from high school.

3. Frequently Asked Questions
This document answers the most frequently asked questions regarding the CCSS.

4. Myths and Facts
Many myths have been circling about the CCSS. This Myth vs. Fact handout addresses these myths and provides factual information regarding the development, implementation, and content of the standards.
5. Maryland’s College and Career Ready Commitment
Achieve examines Maryland’s college and career ready commitment from multiple perspectives. Maryland is raising the bar to help more students gain a post-secondary education so they are prepared to excel in high-skilled, high-paying jobs and thrive in their future careers.

6. Why College and Career Ready Standards?
This document explains the reasoning behind the shift to college and career ready standards. They explain why these standards are a necessary improvement and briefly elaborate upon how the standards will prepare each student.

7. Common Core Shifts for ELA and Mathematics
This concise handout explains the overall shifts in the ELA and mathematics standards called for by the CCSS.

8. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)
This document provides a variety of resources from the official PARCC Web site to help parents and educators understand the new assessments and how they are well suited to assess students taught by the Common Core State Standards.
9. Smart Phone Applications and UDL
This resource page points to two smart phone applications that provide useful resources about the Common Core State Standards. The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) resources explain UDL’s goals and methods of use to expand learning opportunities.

10-11. The Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Assessments
Available in both English and Spanish, this two-page summary aims to help stakeholders better understand Maryland’s transition to Common Core and how it will affect teaching in the classroom and student assessments.

12. The Role of Language Literacy in College and Career Ready Standards
The Alliance for Excellent Education has released information on how to improve English Language Learners’ language and content learning alongside the implementation of the CCSS.

13. Students with Disabilities & the Common Core State Standards: Resources
This document provides a comprehensive list of materials and resources, developed nationally, related to the CCSS and students with disabilities.
14. Military Child Education Coalition, K-12 Core Curriculum Standards
The Military Child Education Coalition provides parents and students with an in-depth picture of how Common Core will help keep their children on track throughout their relocation process. The publication addresses widespread concerns and includes testimonies from military families regarding their thoughts about how the Common Core will affect families like their own.

Resources for Educators

15. Pedagogical Shifts Demanded by the Common Core State Standards
This document provides a concise overview of the 12 shifts students will experience with the CCSS – six shifts in ELA and six in mathematics – and how they will affect teachers and school administrators.

16. Implementation Tools and Resources
The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) assembled a list of helpful resources for educators to utilize in their implementation of the Common Core. The resources range in topic from Reviewing Instructional Materials to Connecting Students with Disabilities to the Common Core.

17. The Role of the School Counselor in Common Core
18. The Role of the Elementary School Leader in Common Core
19. The Role of the Secondary School Leader in Common Core
These joint action briefs guide school leaders in supporting the Common Core and implementing the standards within their school.
20. **Common Core Video Resources for Educators**
These online videos, geared toward educators, are useful resources both for explaining the basics of the CCSS and for gaining a deeper understanding of the purpose of the changes in standards.

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**Educator Effectiveness Academies Resource Webpage**
The material used at this summer’s Educator Effectiveness Academies is available online. Follow the link and select *Curriculum Resources* in the upper right corner of the page. Navigate to the tabs at the top left side of the page to view resources for educators of different grade levels.

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**Resources for Parents**

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21. **Welcome Video: Back to School 2013**
In this video, Governor Martin O’Malley, Maryland Public School teachers, and others speak to parents about the changes that will occur with the new Common Core State Standards and how they will affect children in the classroom.

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22. **Top 10 Things Parents Need to Know About Common Core**
The Maryland State Department of Education collaborated with parents and PTA members to establish the most important things for parents to know about the CCSS. This document has been translated into Spanish, French, Chinese, Vietnamese, Amharic, and Korean. The translated versions are available at [marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/ccss/translations](http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/ccss/translations)
23. Spotlight on Common Core State Standards
This newsletter provides a clear and concise explanation of the CCSS, providing a comprehensible overview for parents and highlighting key features of the standards.

24. Working with the Shifts
This document offers a clear explanation of the shifts (or changes) in standards that students and educators will experience with the implementation of the CCSS. The guide prepares parents with information on the new expectations for their students and supplies ideas for enhancing their children’s learning.

25. Parent’s Backpack Guide to the Common Core State Standards
The Parent’s Backpack Guide to the Common Core State Standards provides suggestions for parents of Pre-K through fifth grade students to help their children succeed in ELA and mathematics when the CCSS are implemented. The guide also provides advice on having productive parent-teacher conversations about the shifts in the new standards.

26-29. Parent Roadmaps
The Council of the Great City Schools created Parent Roadmaps to help parents understand how the CCSS will affect their individual child at each grade level and suggest ways to help their student succeed.

Sample Roadmaps for parents of third grade students are available by clicking directly on the images to the left. Roadmaps for all grade levels, in both English and Spanish, are available at the following websites:

- Mathematics: [http://www.cgcs.org/Page/244](http://www.cgcs.org/Page/244) (English version)
- Mathematics: [http://www.cgcs.org/Page/263](http://www.cgcs.org/Page/263) (Spanish version)
- English/language arts: [http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328](http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328) (English version)
- English/language arts: [http://www.cgcs.org/Page/261](http://www.cgcs.org/Page/261) (Spanish version)
30-31. PTA Parents’ Guides to Student Success
The national PTA has created short guides for parents. These guides explain a sample of what children in each grade may be learning through the CCSS.

Sample PTA Parent Guides for parents of third grade students available by selecting the images to the left. Parent Guides for all grade levels, in both English and Spanish, are available at the following Web site:

http://www.pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2909

All of the guides in English are listed first, followed by all of the guides in Spanish.

32. Common Core Video Resources for Parents
These online videos, geared toward parents, are useful resources both for explaining the basics of the CCSS and for gaining a deeper understanding of the reason behind the changes in standards.