

Common Core State Standards

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Introduced in 2009 and adopted by over 40 states, Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of college- and career-ready standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. CCSS has been praised for implementing recommendations from the 1983 report *A Nation at Risk*, such as more rigorous standards and high school graduation requirements, and criticized for overreaching and high costs. This *Tap the Power* provides a selection of background information on CCSS.

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