



The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were developed by and for states in a voluntary effort led by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSS)) in collaboration with educators, administrators, education experts, and parents. Vermont educators were active participants in this process.



CCSS promote the skills, abilities and knowledge in English language arts and mathematics that are necessary to succeed in career and postsecondary educational settings. The CCSS define the rigorous, relevant, real-world skills and knowledge that prepare students for success in careers and/or postsecondary education. The CCSS require students to think critically, effectively communicate ideas, work collaboratively with peers, solve problems creatively, and persist with challenging tasks. The CCSS are meant to establish consistent expectations for students within and across states.

When Vermont accepted \$22 million ARRA funds, we were required to adopt college and career ready standards. The decision was made to adopt Common Core State Standards. Governor Douglas supported the adoption of Common Core State Standards to meet this requirement.

Vermont educators will determine local curriculum, instruction, and educational resources, allowing for continued flexibility and creativity.