



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.

Special Educators must be a part of CCSS work at a school/district level from the outset to ensure that student needs are adequately represented through differentiated approaches to CCSS instruction.



Special Educators

CCSS set the expectations that Special Educators will use as they continue to employ special education processes such as data analysis and progress monitoring. Special educators will develop IEPs aligned with CCSS that provide supplemental and individualized services to allow students to meet CCSS-related goals.

Special educators will collaborate with general educators to provide students with disabilities access to CCSS aligned curriculum and instruction in order to foster college and career readiness.

