



ACPS Curriculum & Common Core State Standards

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Common Core State Standards



What are they?

- Goals which are internationally benchmarked
- Kindergarten through high school
- English Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Continue to use South Carolina standards for science and social studies

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CCSS vs. Curriculum



Standards

- Expectations developed by states
- Statements
- Define what is to be learned

Curriculum

- The program created by local school districts and teachers to ensure students meet the expectations.
- Strategies and materials including lessons, units, and assessments created by local teachers
- Detailed plan for day to day teaching that evolves based on local needs

Benefits



The CCS promote

- Equity in expectations from state to state and internationally
- Better prepared students entering college and the workplace
- Development of critical thinking skills
- Represent a floor, not a ceiling

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Timeline



2011-12	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
K & 1st Implement Common Core 100%	<p>100% Pre-K-12 ELA Common Core Implementation</p> <p>100% ELA Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Implementation 6-12</p> <p>100% K-7 Math Common Core Implementation</p>	<p>100% Pre-K-8 Math Common Core Implementation</p> <p>Grades 9-12 SC Academic Math Standards</p>	100% Pre-K-12 Common Core Implementation
District Curriculum Specialists and teachers begin development of a district wide curriculum.	Continue building district curriculum. **	Continue building district curriculum. **	Continue building district curriculum. **
District-wide Early Release professional development centered on Common Core begins.	District-wide professional development continues.	District-wide professional development continues.	District-wide professional development continues.

****Curriculum development is continual and is based on the needs of Aiken County students as determined by a variety of data.**

ACPS Curriculum



- Virtual collection of materials
- Created by Aiken County teachers
- Addresses the Common Core Standards
- Continual review and adjustment based on the needs of Aiken County students
- Evidenced-based best teaching practices

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Components



- Yearly Overviews
- Pacing Guides
- Unit Organizers
- Priority and supporting standards
- Decomposed priority standards
- Vertical alignment of priority standards
- Formative Assessments
- Model Lessons
- Links to resources

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Examples of ACPS Curriculum Documents



[K5 English
Language Arts
Unit Organizer](#)

[4th Grade English
Language Arts Unit
Organizer](#)

[6th grade English
Language Arts
Pacing Guide](#)

[7th Grade English
Language Arts
Yearly Overview](#)

[English II Pacing
Guide](#)

[2nd Grade Math
Pacing Guide](#)

[8th Grade Math
Unit Organizer](#)

[Algebra I Pacing
Guide](#)

[11th Grade Social
Studies
Unit Organizer](#)



Questions?

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