

Missouri Learning Standards

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) / Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) Fast Facts

1. *In 2009 the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) lead a process that created the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in literacy and mathematics.*
2. *Teachers, experts in subject matter, and public input were included in the development process. When reviewing the content it is apparent that students will benefit from a more rigorous set of standards, be asked to think at higher levels and apply their learning to solve real world problems.*
3. *The goal of the standards is for students to gain the skills needed for college or career readiness, which includes critical thinking, problem solving, and effective communication.*
4. *CCSS are not a fixed curriculum but a set of standards that define what students should know and learn in each grade in English and Mathematics.*
5. *The district's local curriculum ensures the development of assessments, instructional strategies and activities, and purchase of resources to support the needs of our students.*
6. *Standards approved by the Missouri state Board of Education have been and will continue to be a part of the measurement for school district accreditation with MSIP 5 and the Annual Performance Report (APR).*
7. *The assessments to measure achievement of the standards will begin in the spring of 2015.*
8. *Individual student data will not be shared with the federal government.*

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