The New Illinois Learning Standards:

Incorporating the Common Core

Current Status

- Illinois has in place educational standards for early childhood, fine arts, foreign language, physical development and health, science, social emotional, and social science.
- These Standards were adopted in 1997.

Why change?

- Currently only 26% of young adults (25-34) in the United States have college degrees.
- By 2018, 63% of all jobs are expected to require postsecondary education.
- The New Common Core Standards for Math and English/Language Arts will be incorporated into the full set of Illinois Learning Standards to better prepare students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy.

Common Core State Standards Fast Facts

- Developed through a process led by U.S. States not the federal government – in coordination with education and business leaders, parents, and other experts across the nation.
- Single set of expectations for ALL students
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge and skills
- Are aligned with college and work expectations
- Are internationally benchmarked

Teachers and Leaders

- The Standards represent an opportunity to create a national curriculum in Math and in English/Language Arts.
- Universal standards allow teachers to know exactly what their students need to learn.
- The Standards target core concepts and procedures beginning in the early grades to give teachers the time to teach the standards well and the chance for students to master them.

Common Core State Standards

- The first Common Core State Standards were developed for the areas of Math and English/Language Arts.
- Math and English standards were developed first because they teach skills upon which students build skill sets in other areas of learning.
- Subsequent standards will be adopted for Science.

Common Core State Standards for Math

- Balance mathematical understanding and procedural skill
- Internationally benchmarked
- Stress conceptual understanding of key ideas

K-8 Math Standards

- The K-5 standards provide students with a solid foundation in whole numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals – the foundation for more demanding math concepts.
- The 6-8 standards describe robust learning in geometry, algebra, and probability and statistics.

How do the Standards compare?

ILS 8A Count to 100 by ones.

ILS 8A Know number names and the count sequence beginning at 1.

K.CC.1 Count to 100 by ones and by tens.

K.CC.2 Know number names and the count sequence. Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to begin at 1).

Common Core State Standards for English/Language Arts

- Integrated model of literacy requirements for reading and writing in Social Studies, Science, and other content areas.
- Technology requirements blended throughout.

Four Strands

Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking, Language

 organized around College and Career Readiness anchor standards.

What is College & Career Ready?

College and Career readiness is a vision of what it means to be a literate person in the 21st Century:

- Ability to use technology and digital media strategically and capably
- Ability to comprehend as well as critique
- Ability to understand other perspectives and cultures
- Ability to adapt their communication in relation to audience, task, and purpose.

How do the Standards compare?

ILS 2A.1a Identify the literary elements of theme, setting, plot and character within literary works.

RL.K.6 With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.

New National Assessment

A new national assessment that is aligned to the Common Core Standards is being developed by the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

- The Partnership's assessment system will be anchored in college and career readiness.
- Students will take parts of the assessment at key times during the school year, closer to when they learn the material.

PARCC Timeline

Oct. 2010 - Launch and design phase begins

Sept. 2011 - Development phase begins

Sept. 2012 - Field testing

Sept. 2013 - Field testing continues

Sept. 2014 - Full administration of PARCC assessment

What We Know

No changes will be in place for this Spring's ISAT/PSAE assessment.

(The ISAT/PSAE assess the progress of both schools and individual students in meeting the Illinois Learning Standards.)

- Pilot items will be incorporated into ISAT beginning 2012.
- ISAT and PSAE will be used until 2014.
- Districts must fully transition to the Common Core by 2013-2014.
- The target date for implementation of the new assessment is the 2014-15 school year.

What We Don't Know Yet

- How the new assessment will be used for school accountability and the evaluation of teacher/principal effectiveness.
- How the new assessment will accommodate English Language Learners or students with disabilities.
- How the reauthorization of NCLB will define and measure growth.

Let's Test Your Knowledge

Which is an Illinois Learning Standard and which is a Common Core State Standard:

1st Grade:

- Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.
- Logical Line 1. Logical Property Line 1. Lo

Let's Test Your Knowledge

Which is an Illinois Learning Standard and which is a Common Core State Standard:

7th grade:

- ___ Demonstrate ways that listening attentively can improve comprehension.
- Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

District 161's transition plan

Year	Grade
2011–2012	K, 1, 5
2012–2013	K, 1, 2, 5, 6
2013-2014	K, 1, 2, 3, 5. 6. 7
2014–2015 (PARCC Assessment)	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

To date:

- Administrators currently attending workshops
- September 13 Teacher In-Service