

## **Common Core State Standards (ELEMENTARY)**

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The CCSS are different from the current Nevada State Standards. In some cases, concepts that are currently taught in one grade will be moved to another. In other cases, concepts are still taught in the same grade, but the expectations might be more rigorous and concepts investigated more deeply.

During the 2011–2012 school year, the CCSS will be fully implemented in the State of Nevada in kindergarten through grade two in mathematics and kindergarten through grade eight in English language arts. The Nevada State Mathematics Standards will be utilized with targeted CCSS in grades three through eight. For example, in fifth grade, some of the Nevada State Mathematics Standards will be replaced with CCSS. Each year, an identified percentage of CCSS will replace the Nevada State Mathematics Standards in third through eighth grade.

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### **How will this change affect your child?**

#### **Class of 2019 – This Year’s 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Fifth grade teachers will teach English lessons based on the CCSS and will teach math lessons based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards with some CCSS included. Next year, sixth grade math instruction will still include some Nevada State Mathematics Standards, but all English and all subsequent math classes, for these students through middle school and high school, will be based on the CCSS. High school proficiency exams for these students will be based on the CCSS.

#### **Class of 2020 – This Year’s 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Fourth and fifth grade teachers will teach English lessons based on the CCSS and will teach math lessons based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards with some CCSS included. Middle school and high school English and math classes for these students will be based on the

CCSS. High school proficiency exams will be based on the CCSS.

#### **Class of 2021 – This Year’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

Third and fourth grade teachers will teach English lessons based on the CCSS and will teach math lessons based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards with some CCSS included. Fifth grade teachers will teach English and math based solely on the CCSS. Middle school and high school English and math classes for these students will be based on the CCSS. High school proficiency exams for these students will be based on the CCSS.

#### **Class of 2022 – This Year’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders**

Second grade teachers will teach English and math lessons based on the CCSS. Third grade teachers will teach English lessons based on the CCSS and will teach math lessons based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards with some CCSS included. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will teach English and math based on the CCSS. Middle school and high school English and math classes for these students will be based on the CCSS. High school proficiency exams for these students will be based on the CCSS.

#### **Class of 2023 and 2024 – This Year’s 1<sup>st</sup> Graders and Kindergartners**

From now through high school, English and math instruction will be based on the CCSS. High school proficiency exams will be based on the CCSS.

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## **Common Core State Standards (MIDDLE)**

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During the 2011–2012 school year, the CCSS will be fully implemented in the State of Nevada in kindergarten through grade two in mathematics and kindergarten through grade eight in English language arts. The Nevada State Mathematics Standards will be utilized with targeted CCSS in grades three through eight. For example, in eighth grade, some of the Nevada State Mathematics Standards will be replaced with the CCSS. Each year, an identified percentage of CCSS will replace the Nevada State Mathematics Standards in third through eighth grade.

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### **How will this change affect your child?**

#### **Class of 2016 – This Year's 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Eighth grade English classes will be based on the CCSS. Most mathematics instruction will be based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards, but some instruction on the CCSS will be included. High school English and math instruction and proficiency exams for these students will all be based on the CCSS. Information from the Nevada Department of Education indicates that proficiency exams based on the CCSS will count for schools' AYP purposes but not for individual student's graduation requirements.

#### **Class of 2017 – This Year's 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Seventh and eighth grade English classes will be based on the CCSS. Most mathematics instruction will be based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards, but some instruction on the CCSS will be included. High school English and math instruction and proficiency exams will be based on the CCSS. Information from the Nevada Department of Education indicates that proficiency exams based on the CCSS will count for schools' AYP purposes but not for individual student's graduation requirements.

#### **Class of 2018 – This Year's 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Sixth and seventh grade English classes will be based on the CCSS. Mathematics instruction will be based on the Nevada State Mathematics Standards, but some instruction on the CCSS will be included. Eighth grade English and math classes will be based solely on the CCSS. High school English and math instruction and proficiency exams will be based on the CCSS. Based on information from the Nevada Department of Education, this will be the first graduating class required to pass proficiency exams based on the CCSS for graduation purposes.

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## Common Core State Standards (HIGH SCHOOLS)

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During the 2011–2012 school year, the CCSS will be fully implemented in the State of Nevada in kindergarten through grade two in mathematics and kindergarten through grade eight in English language arts. The Nevada State Mathematics Standards will be utilized with targeted CCSS in grades three through eight. In 2012–2013, the transition to CCSS will include grades 9–12 English language arts and ninth grade mathematics classes including Algebra I and Geometry. In 2013–2014, grade ten Algebra II. In 2014–2015, grade eleven mathematics and in 2015–2016, grade twelve mathematics will be added.

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## How will this change affect your child?

### Class of 2012 – This Year’s Seniors

This year’s seniors will not be affected.

### Class of 2012 – This Year’s Juniors

Junior year instruction will not be affected. Senior year English classes will be based on the CCSS. All other classes and proficiency exams will still be based on the Nevada State Standards.

### Class of 2013 – This Year’s Sophomores

Sophomore year instruction will not be affected. Junior and senior year English classes will be based on the CCSS. All other classes and proficiency exams will still be based on the Nevada State Standards.

### Class of 2014 – This Year’s Freshmen

Freshman year instruction will not be affected. All sophomore English classes will be based on the CCSS. All other classes and proficiency exams will still be based on the Nevada State Standards.

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