**Common Core Implementation Resources**

- Council of the Great City Schools’ [Calendar of Questions](http://www.njcore.org): Guides school administrators through successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards, including specific questions to ask of various stakeholder groups and tasks to complete throughout the year.

- CCSSO’s [Toolkit for Evaluating Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials](http://www.njcore.org): This guide helps administrators and educators navigate the process of evaluating curriculum materials for alignment to the Common Core State Standards. It also provides a list of tools and resources for assessing materials.

- Education Northwest’s [Common Core State Standards: What do District Administrators Need to Know?](http://www.njcore.org): This overview provides recommendations for district administrators on successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

- Additional resources are available each month from the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Academics. Sign up for the [Common Core Implementation Team](http://www.njcore.org) to receive monthly emails featuring news, resources and free professional development opportunities related to the Common Core State Standards.

**Recent Common Core News/Commentary**


- March 5, 2014, Education Week: [College Board Outlines SAT Redesign It Says Will Be More ‘Focused and Useful’](http://www.njcore.org). This article describes the planned changes to the SAT in 2016 and includes a [comparison chart](http://www.njcore.org) that highlights parallels between the redesigned SAT and the Common Core State Standards.

- January/February 2014, NJSBA School Leader: [Common Core Truths](http://www.njcore.org). This article addresses frequently asked questions regarding the Common Core State Standards.
Common Core State Standards Communication Tools

- Council of Great City Schools’ [Communicating the Common Core Standards](http://www.njcore.org): This guide provides examples of effective messages, communication strategies, and sample letters to parents from superintendents and principals.

- New Jersey Common Core State Standards Overview: This handout provides a summary of New Jersey’s adoption and implementation of the standards and addresses common myths (attached).

- Talking Points to Address Common Questions
  - Overview: Sample Common Core Talking Points from the [Wisconsin Department of Education](http://www.njcore.org)
  - Talking Points On Student Privacy (attached)

Common Core State Standards Related Resources to Share with Parents

- National PTA’s [Parents’ Guide to New Assessments in New Jersey](http://www.njcore.org)

- National PTA’s [Parents’ Guide to Student Success](http://www.njcore.org)

- Council of the Great City Schools’ Grade by Grade Roadmaps for [English Language Arts and Literacy](http://www.njcore.org) and for [Mathematics](http://www.njcore.org) (also available in Spanish: [Artes del Lenguaje en Inglés](http://www.njcore.org) and [Matemáticas](http://www.njcore.org)).