

American Statistical Association Supports Adoption of Common Core State Standards for Statistics & Probability

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) JUNE 2, 2010 – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, announced its support for the statistics and probability sections of the Common Core State Standards announced earlier today.

“Just as the nurturing of mathematical thinking begins early, so must statistical reasoning,” said Sastry Pantula, ASA president. “It is important that statistics and probability content are included in the K-12 standards. As we enhance the statistical literacy of K-12 teachers and of the nation’s school children, we will take an important step toward advancing statistical literacy in the United States and enabling our children to function in the data-driven society of the future.”

Several prominent ASA members were involved in the writing and reviewing process of the statistics and probability standards, and several of their recommendations were incorporated into the final version. If adopted by the states, these standards would provide millions of school children across the U.S. with a greater understanding of statistics and better preparation for college-level courses. In addition, ASA recognizes the need for high-quality professional development in statistics and probability and encourages statisticians and statistics educators to work with state and local education departments on the implementation of the standards.

About the American Statistical Association

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For more than 170 years, ASA has been providing its 18,000 members serving in academia, government, and industry and the public with up-to-date, useful information about statistics. The ASA has a proud tradition of service to statisticians, quantitative scientists, and users of statistics across a wealth of academic areas and applications. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the association’s web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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