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CEC Applauds Common Core Standards Initiative

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The Council for Exceptional Children recognizes the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) for their leadership in the conceptualization and drafting of the Common Core Standards. The Common Core Standards provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare children for college and the workforce.

CEC was pleased to be involved throughout the process to ensure that the new Common Core Standards address the needs of students with disabilities and gifts and talents. CEC believes the new standards will move education in United States in the right direction for all students and will provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and work. We look forward to supporting the initiatives to implement the Common Core Standards.