

# COALITION FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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**Coalition for Student Achievement Commends State-Led Release of Draft K-12 State Standards**

Today's release by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and National Governors Association (NGA) of draft K-12 state standards is an important step in the right direction for the future of our children. While the adoption of these standards is voluntary, we believe that having a clear understanding of - and agreement on - what all students should know in English and math by the end of each grade will help teachers better guide instruction; parents and families ensure children are adequately prepared for their futures; set our nation's students up for success in high school, college and the workforce; and help employers to compete in today's global economy.

The Coalition for Student Achievement, which represents over 100 education, business, civil rights and philanthropic organizations from around the country, is dedicated to pushing forward education reform efforts that help to ensure all students graduate ready for college and are prepared to obtain good jobs. We support the concept of college and career-ready standards and believe that a clear set of core standards will ensure our teachers have a consistent baseline understanding of what students are expected to learn and our students have the opportunity to achieve at high levels no matter where they live.

We applaud the NGA and CCSSO for this state-led effort and urge organizations, educators and others from across the country to provide feedback on the draft standards during the important public comment period. With the varying standards that exist from state to state today, these efforts are an integral piece in tying all of our efforts together and an important next step in moving forward policies that will help our nation's students achieve their dreams.

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