

What are the NM Content Standards?

The New Mexico Content Standards define what students should learn in every subject by the end of each grade. The New Mexico Content Standards include the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in math and English language arts (ELA).

What are the Common Core State Standards?

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of high-quality standards for math and ELA. The CCSS also include reading and writing standards for social studies, science, and technical subjects. States around the country saw that students were entering college and the workforce unprepared. Together, they developed standards based on research and evidence to better prepare students for today's global society.

The CCSS do not require schools to use specific curriculum or teaching methods—those decisions will continue to be made at a local level by school boards, superintendents, principals, and teachers.

All of the strategies in this brochure will support your student who is an English learner. In addition, you can

- Help your child acquire language through practice with reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English or in your home language.
- Check with your school for more information about your child's status as an English learner.
- Gain more strategies from our parent modules available in English and Spanish at newmexicocommoncore.org/resources
- Contact the Bureau of Multicultural and Bilingual Education at (505) 827-6666.



PARENTS AS PARTNERS GUIDE TO THE NEW MEXICO COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of second grade in mathematics and English language arts. It also includes what you can do to support your child's success.

For More Information

NM Common Core State Standards

Email Us: info@newmexicocommoncore.org

National Parent Teacher Association

Visit: www.pta.org

Common Core State Standards Initiative

Visit: www.corestandards.org



How will your child be assessed?

In the 2013-2014 school year, students in grades 3-8, 10 and 11 will take the NM Standards Based Assessment (SBA).

This year's SBA in math and ELA is designed to measure a student's progress towards mastering the CCSS. In the 2014-2015 school year, students in grades 3-11 will take assessments fully aligned to the CCSS in math and ELA. These are the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments.

The PARCC assessments will

Be taken on the computer.

Include interactive, real-world questions.

Provide timely information to teachers and parents about student progress.

Allow students to see if they are on track to graduate prepared for college and careers.

English Language Arts

Students Must

- Use text features (for example, captions, bold print, and indexes) to locate key facts and information.
- Write about a short series of events and describe actions, thoughts, and feelings.
- Write opinions using important details and examples to support a position.
- Take part in conversations and read aloud.

Parents Can

- Ask your child what topics, events, or activities he or she likes. For a list of age-appropriate books view corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf
- Have your child write a thank you note or letter to a family member or friend.
- Make a "W" chart. Fill out the who, what, where, why, and how of what is being read.
- Keep a family journal in which your child can both write and illustrate entries.
- Ask your child to write his or her opinion about a topic including why he or she believes it to be true.
- For other reading activities visit www.literacynewmexico.org

Mathematics

Students Must

- Add and subtract up to 20 by memory.
- Solve word problems with addition and subtraction within 100.
- Measure objects in units such as feet and meters and display the data in charts.
- Read, write, and compare numbers up to 1,000.
- Work with time and money.
- Draw specific geometric shapes.
- Draw and divide circles and rectangles into 2, 3, and 4 equal parts.

Parents Can

- Have your child skip count by 2's, 5's, and 10's.
- Identify two- and three-dimensional geometric shapes in your home.
- Play games that include counting, adding, and subtracting.
- Ask your child to cut brownies, cakes, pies or pizza into evenly divided portions.
- Measure, record, and compare his or her height on a regular basis.
- Encourage your child to be persistent with challenging problems.

Links

PARCC
parcconline.org

NM PARCC
ped.state.nm.us/ped/NMPARCCIndex.html