

### 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](http://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 first 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](mailto:info@newmexicocommoncore.org)

#### National Parent Teacher Association

Visit: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

#### Common Core State Standards Initiative

Visit: [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)



## English Language Arts

### Students Must

- Write to describe an event, provide information on a topic, and share an opinion.
- Take part in conversations about topics and texts being studied.
- Ask and answer questions about a story's characters, settings, and major events.

### Parents Can

- Encourage your child to read books to you. For a list of age-appropriate books visit [corestandards.org/assets/Appendix\\_B.pdf](http://corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf)
- Pick a "word of the day" each day starting with a different letter.
- Have your child write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter.
- Read a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, poems, and information books.
- Ask your child to draw a picture of a favorite scene, character, or page from a book, then write a description of the drawing.
- For other reading activities visit [www.literacynewmexico.org](http://www.literacynewmexico.org)

## Mathematics

### Students Must

- Add and subtract up to 10 by memory.
- Read, write, and count numbers up to 120.
- Measure, order, and compare objects by length.
- Organize objects into three categories and graph.
- Tell and write time.
- Name geometric shapes.

### Parents Can

- Play the number game (e.g., I'm thinking of a number that makes 11 when added to 8. What is my number?).
- Have your child describe three events that occur before lunch, dinner, and bed time.
- Play games with your child. Some examples include: checkers, dominoes, cards, etc.
- Encourage your child to be persistent with challenging problems.
- Review and discuss assignments with your child.

## 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.

## Links

PARCC  
[parcconline.org](http://parcconline.org)

NM PARCC  
[ped.state.nm.us/ped/NMPARCCIndex.html](http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/NMPARCCIndex.html)