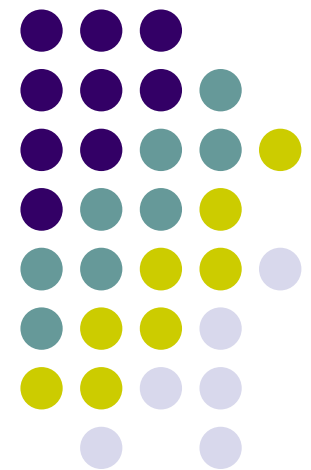


# Common Core Standards and California Standards ~ An Overview

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# State Content Standards

- CA Standards 1997
- 50 States – 50 sets of standards
- Geared toward college readiness
- CA Standards – rigorous!
  - Algebra I in Grade 8
- NCLB 2001 – Proficiency requirements
  - Content varies state to state
  - Proficiency requirements vary state to state
  - Not internationally benchmarked



# Common Core Standards

- Collaborative, rigorous, research-based standards for ELA and Math K/12
- Designed to prepare nation's students with knowledge/skills for college/workforce
- Internationally benchmarked to be globally competitive
- Clear, consistent educational framework
- Collaborative effort building on best of current state standards

# Common Core Standards



- Alternative to National Standards – “voluntary participation”
  - 48 states participated (not Alaska/Texas)
- Collaborative – stair-stepped between grade levels
- CA State Board Adopted August 2, 2010
- CCS – Common Core Standards
- CCCS – CA Common Core Standards
  - CCS + 15% extra!



# New CCCS - ELA

- CA Standards already rigorous!
- ELA Major changes:
  - ELA – Reading
    - Emphasis on how to USE and ANALYZE expository text (factual) rather than on literature
    - Emphasis on grammar & vocabulary
  - ELA – Writing
    - Emphasis on expository writing – evidence based writing (proofs) rather than narrative writing (feelings)



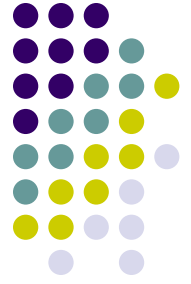
# New CCCS - Math

- Math Major changes:
  - Mastery of Skills in 5 Domains
    - Emphasis on mastery over spiral presentation – no more starting algebra/probability in K!
  - K/2
    - Emphasis on number sense – working with & understanding numbers and arithmetic functions
  - 3/5
    - Conceptual/thorough understanding of fractions



# New CCCS - Math

- Math Major changes:
  - 6/8
    - Specific Pre-Algebra standards
    - No more 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I requirement
  - 9/12
    - Sequence math any way choose
    - Not necessarily traditional sequence of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calc, Calculus



# CCS/CCCS Assessments

- STAR Testing through 2012
- New Assessment Requirements in 2015
- Based on Reauthorization of ESEA
- Question –
  - What assessments will be required for 2013 & 2014?
  - Extend STAR/California Standards Tests (CST's) for 2013 & 2014?





# CCS/CCCS Assessments

- New CCCS Assessments Requirements
  - Reading/Language Arts
    - Grades 3 – 8
    - At least ONCE in 10 – 12; Grade 9??
  - Math
    - Grades 3 – 8
    - At least ONCE in 10 – 12; Grade 9??
  - Science
    - At least ONCE in 3 – 5
    - At least ONCE in 6 – 9
    - At least ONCE in 10 - 12



# CCS/CCCS Assessments

- Purpose – To develop new COMMON assessment based on CCS
- Two Assessment Consortia Nationally so Two CCS Assessments!
  - Funded through Federal Grants
- **Smarter Balance**
  - Managing Partner - “West Ed”
  - Procurement state – Washington
  - Emphasis on Progress Monitoring/Benchmark Testing?

# CCS/CCCS Assessments



- Second Common CCS Assessment
- **PARRC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers**
  - Managing Partner – Achieve
  - Procurement State – Florida
  - Some surprise that CA joined PARRC over Smarter Balance
  - Strategic move due to successful RTTT/PARCC states in east?



# PARCC Details

- Measure and document students' college and career readiness at end of high school and progress toward this target
- Assessments/results:
  - Are comparable ACROSS states & student levels
  - Meet internationally rigorous benchmarks
  - Measure individual student LONGITUDINAL growth
  - Serve as a signal for good instructional practice



# PARCC Details

- Includes “through-course” components – quarterly assessments after 25%, 50%, 75% of instruction
- Allows for adjustment of instruction; progress monitoring
- Requires end-of-year component – after 90% of instruction
- Requires common assessment dates
- Result in common calendar? (Most states start day after Labor Day!)

# PARCC Details



- Assessment Item Types
  - Multiple Choice
  - Constructed Response (Open Ended)
  - Performance Tasks
  - Computer Enhanced



# PARCC Details

- Assesses ALL students, including EL/SWD
- Includes
  - Promotion/Retention/Graduation Requirements
  - Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Details
  - School Accountability Determinations
  - Determinations of Teacher/Principal Professional Development/Support Needs
- PARCC States abide by common:
  - EL Definitions/Participation
  - Test administration/Item release

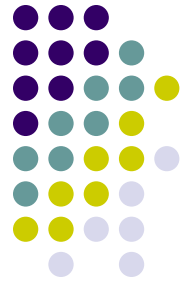


# CCS/PARCC Timelines

- December 31, 2011 – New CCS Completed
- 2011 – 2012 – Pilot Test PARCC
- 2012 – 2013 – Field Test PARCC
- 2013 – 2014 – Field Test PARCC
- 2014 - 2015 – Implement PARCC
  - (STAR Testing/CST's eliminated)
- 2014 - 2015 – PARCC Standard Setting/Achievement Levels/Cut Scores



# QUESTIONS RAISED



- Common academic calendar across states?
- How to align curricular materials with new CCS's completed in Dec 2011 with CA Budget Moratorium on curriculum frameworks/textbook adoptions until July 1, 2013?
- How to complete textbook adoptions with requirement of one year between major core adoptions?



# QUESTIONS RAISED

- Adopt Math or ELA textbooks first?
- Will API/AYP continue? (Doubtful)
- Will new AYP system emerge? (Probably – growth model)
- What about CAHSEE? (PARRC is for accountability but COULD BE for graduation – would require CA legislative action)
- What about 3<sup>rd</sup> party release of PARCC Test scores? (Can't release STAR test scores to post-secondary or put on transcripts w/o parent permission – would require legislative action)