

## Tools Being Talked About

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Is this <b>curricula</b> aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)?	<b>EdReports</b>	A <i>Consumer Reports</i> -style system that rates instructional materials on alignment to the Common Core.  *Currently limited to K-8 math.	<a href="http://edreports.org">edreports.org</a>
	<b>Graphite</b>	A review and rating system to help teachers find products aligned to the Common Core, recommended by other teachers and experts.	<a href="http://graphite.org/standards/common-core">graphite.org/standards/common-core</a>
	<b>Gooru</b>	A collection of resources organized by specific Common Core State Standards.	<a href="http://goorulearning.org/#home">goorulearning.org/#home</a>
	<b>IMET</b>	A rubric to determine if instructional materials are aligned to the Common Core.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/page/783/instructional-materials-evaluation-tool-imet">http://achievethecore.org/page/783/instructional-materials-evaluation-tool-imet</a>
Is this <b>lesson</b> aligned to the Common Core?	<b>EQuIP</b>	A rubric to determine if a specific lesson or lesson plan (one that exists or that an educator is developing) is aligned to the Common Core. Also includes dozens of exemplar classroom lessons in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics that have been reviewed using the rubric by calibrated jurors.	<a href="http://www.achieve.org/EQuIP">http://www.achieve.org/EQuIP</a>
	<b>Coherence Map</b>	An interactive tool that outlines the Common Core math standards and their relationships to each other. Useful to identify if a lesson follows the coherent progressions of the Common Core.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/coherence-map/">http://achievethecore.org/coherence-map/</a>
	<b>Illustrative Math Learning Progressions</b>	Learning progressions for Common Core math. Useful to identify if a lesson follows the learning progressions. Also includes exemplar problems for teachers that illustrate the required instructional shifts.	<a href="http://illustrativemathematics.org">illustrativemathematics.org</a>
Is this <b>assessment</b> aligned to the Common Core?	<b>Assessment Toolkit</b>	A toolkit that helps determine if district, school or teacher-developed assessments are aligned to the Common Core.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/page/606/assessment-evaluation-tool-aet-list-pg">http://achievethecore.org/page/606/assessment-evaluation-tool-aet-list-pg</a>
Is this state <b>standardized test</b> aligned to the Common Core?	<b>CCSSO Criteria for High-Quality Assessment</b>	Criteria developed to help determine if state standardized tests are aligned to the Common Core.	<a href="http://www.ccsso.org/Documents/2014/CCSSO%20Criteria%20for%20High%20Quality%20Assessments%2003242014.pdf">http://www.ccsso.org/Documents/2014/CCSSO%20Criteria%20for%20High%20Quality%20Assessments%2003242014.pdf</a>

College Ready Standards and Assessments  
Alignment of Curricula, Lessons, Assessments to the Common Core

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<b>Full Year Curricula</b> that are aligned to the Common Core.	<b>EngageNY</b>	Free K-12 Common Core aligned curriculum in ELA/Literacy and Math as well as supplementary resources and materials including lesson plans and classroom video library.	<a href="http://www.engageny.org">www.engageny.org</a>
	<b>Expeditionary Learning 3-8 ELA</b>	Free 3-8 ELA curriculum. Can purchase PD.	<a href="http://commoncoresuccess.ededucation.org/curriculum">http://commoncoresuccess.ededucation.org/curriculum</a>
	<b>Eureka Math</b>	Free K-8 math curriculum aligned to the Common Core. To date, only full curriculum that EdReports classifies as fully aligned.	<a href="http://greatminds.net/maps/math/home">greatminds.net/maps/math/home</a>
	<b>Zearn</b>	Digital, adaptive K-4 math curriculum based on EngageNY/Eureka math.	<a href="http://www.zearn.org">www.zearn.org</a>
<b>English Language Arts (ELA) resources</b> that support Common Core-aligned instruction.	<b>Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)</b>	LDC is a teaching strategy designed by teachers, for teachers that can be used in any subject to help students become stronger readers and better writers. This innovative tool empowers teachers across the country to collaborate in crafting lessons that build students' literacy skills and understanding of science, history, literature, and other academic areas. These lessons can stand alone, or be linked together to create student learning experiences that cut across subjects, courses, even across school years.	<a href="http://ldc.org/">ldc.org/</a>
	<b>Quill</b>	Free game-like writing, grammar, and vocabulary activities for elementary, middle, and high school students, each taking about 10-15 minutes.	<a href="https://www.quill.org/">https://www.quill.org/</a>
	<b>Newsela</b>	Leveled news articles on high-interest topics and text sets allow teachers to assign articles, encourage annotation and collaboration, and track student progress.	<a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a>
	<b>ThinkCERCA</b>	Interactive reading practice and collaboration for students along with tools to help teachers design lessons and grade assignments.	<a href="http://www.thinkcerca.com/">http://www.thinkcerca.com/</a>
	<b>Curriculet</b>	Embed questions, quizzes, and annotations into reading assignments from popular books and news sources.	<a href="https://www.curriculet.com/">https://www.curriculet.com/</a>

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	<b>Writelike</b>	Learn how to identify patterns of function and meaning in writing and mimic the style of different authors using authentic texts.	<a href="http://writelike.org/">http://writelike.org/</a>
	<b>LightSail</b>	Students are assigned texts based on the reading level that's right for them and are assessed as they read.	<a href="http://lightsailed.com/product-features/">http://lightsailed.com/product-features/</a>
	<b>LearnZillion</b>	A library of close reading units covering literary and information texts, and a library of writing units.	<a href="http://learnzillion.com">learnzillion.com</a>
	<b>Academic Word Finder</b>	A tool that helps to support teachers in identifying academic vocabulary words vital to comprehension. The Common Core demands significant instructional attention to these words.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/">http://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/</a>
	<b>Readworks</b>	K-12 text sets and free access to reading passages with text dependent questions and vocabulary development.	<a href="http://Readworks.org">http://Readworks.org</a>
<b>Math resources</b> that support Common Core-aligned instruction.	<b>Math Design Collaborative (MDC), Formative Assessment Lessons</b>	Lessons for grades 6-12 that are aligned to Common Core math standards and provide support for delivering rigorous mathematical practices and content.	<a href="http://map.mathshell.org/index.php">map.mathshell.org/index.php</a>
	<b>Dreambox Learning</b>	Adaptive elementary and middle school math software that adjusts exercises based on student performance.	<a href="http://www.dreambox.com/">http://www.dreambox.com/</a>
	<b>ST Math</b>	Game-based instruction designed to boost math proficiency by visually representing mathematical concepts so students can interact with them.	<a href="http://www.mindresearch.org/stmath/">http://www.mindresearch.org/stmath/</a>
	<b>Youcubed</b>	Research-based math tasks that instill a growth mindset and confidence with mathematical thinking in students.	<a href="https://www.youcubed.org/">https://www.youcubed.org/</a>
	<b>Khan Academy</b>	Interactive exercises with hints, step-by-step solutions, and videos, delivered to students at their own pace.	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a>
	<b>LearnZillion</b>	K-8 mathematics curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards and a video lesson library for grades 2-12.	<a href="http://learnzillion.com">learnzillion.com</a>
	<b>Math Reasoning Inventory</b>	Tool for diagnosing common misconceptions in math.	<a href="https://mathreasoninginventory.com/">https://mathreasoninginventory.com/</a>

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	<b>Social Studies lessons</b> that support Common Core-aligned instruction.	<b>Educurious</b>	Project-based learning courses of real-world problems integrated with interactions with experts in the field.	<a href="http://educurious.org/">http://educurious.org/</a>
		<b>iCivics</b>	Readings, activities, discussions, and games that place students in different civic roles and give them agency to address real-world problems and issues.	<a href="https://www.icivics.org/">https://www.icivics.org/</a>
	<b>Lesson plans</b> that support Common Core-aligned instruction.	<b>BetterLesson</b>	Common Core-aligned lesson plans from master teachers including plans appropriate for schools with blended learning models.	<a href="http://betterlesson.com">betterlesson.com</a>
	Is this district-wide <b>implementation of teacher evaluation systems</b> aligned to the core nine principles identified by the Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) study?	<b>MET Principles Diagnostic</b>	Helps states and districts understand the level of alignment of their teacher feedback and evaluation systems to the MET-9 principles.	<a href="http://deliveryinstitute.org">deliveryinstitute.org</a>
	What are some tools to establish <b>rater certification and inter-rater reliability</b> ?	<b>Observation Engine</b>	Enables districts to train, calibrate and manage inter-rater reliability of observers.	<a href="http://observationengine.com">observationengine.com</a>
		<b>Insight Advance Suite</b>	A tool to build inter-rater reliability, provide targeted feedback to promote teachers' growth, and create personalized learning experiences for teachers.	<a href="http://insighteducationgroup.com/ADVANCE">insighteducationgroup.com/ADVANCE</a>
	What are some <b>student perception surveys</b> that provide meaningful feedback?	<b>Tripod</b>	Providers of student surveys for use in providing teachers with meaningful feedback.	<a href="http://tripoded.com">tripoded.com</a>
		<b>Panorama</b>		<a href="http://panoramaed.com/panorama-student-survey">panoramaed.com/panorama-student-survey</a>
		<b>My Student Survey</b>		<a href="http://mystudentsurvey.com">mystudentsurvey.com</a>
		<b>Student Experience Survey</b>		<a href="http://thestudentexperience.org">thestudentexperience.org</a>

Tools and Systems to Support Effective Teaching  
MET-9 Alignment

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What are <b>teacher observation tools</b> that are aligned to the Common Core?	<b>Instructional Practice Guide (IPG)</b>	Teacher observation rubric aligned to the Common Core and tailored by subject area (ELA/Math) and grade span (K-2/3-12). Provides actionable feedback on instructional practice.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/page/969/instructional-practice-guide-list-pg">http://achievethecore.org/page/969/instructional-practice-guide-list-pg</a>
	<b>Danielson Framework for Teaching – Planned 2016 Version</b>	Teacher observation rubric developed by Charlotte Danielson with a new streamlined version organized around six larger Clusters of teaching skill; ELA and mathematics versions of the new version, designed to better align with the expectations of the Common Core, are in development.	<a href="https://www.danielsongroup.org/framework/">https://www.danielsongroup.org/framework/</a>
	<b>TNTP Core Rubric</b>	Teacher observation rubric aligned to the Common Core and designed to be used for evaluation purposes. Not customized for each content area.	<a href="http://tntp.org/publications/view/tntp-core-teaching-rubric-a-tool-for-conducting-classroom-observations">tntp.org/publications/view/tntp-core-teaching-rubric-a-tool-for-conducting-classroom-observations</a>
What are some <b>professional learning resources for teachers</b> that deliver courses and provide formal learning opportunities, social engagement tools, and coaching/mentoring tools?	<b>PD360/Edivate</b>	A collection of resources that can be tailored to teachers' interests and needs in order to provide a personalized PD experience.	<a href="http://schoolimprovement.com/products/edivate/">schoolimprovement.com/products/edivate/</a>
	<b>Teaching Channel Teams</b>	A collection of free videos illustrating effective teaching practice across multiple subject areas. For purchase, a team's platform that allows groups of teachers to collaboratively learn from one another using annotated video and a structured PD process.	<a href="http://teachingchannel.org">teachingchannel.org</a>
	<b>TeachCycle by BetterLesson</b>	A PD tool that allows groups of teachers to collaboratively learn from each other and master teaching coaches via a three-step framework. Teacher groups set and measure goals, then iterate to find the best solutions to problems of practice.	<a href="http://teachcycle.com">teachcycle.com</a>
	<b>CEPR Best Foot Forward Teacher Observation Toolkit</b>	A toolkit that provides practical guidance on using video observations to help teachers accelerate their development. Includes a discussion of lessons, a study of video in classroom observations, and adaptable tools.	<a href="http://cepr.harvard.edu/publications/best-foot-forward-video-observation-toolkit">http://cepr.harvard.edu/publications/best-foot-forward-video-observation-toolkit</a>

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		<b>BloomBoard (PD marketplace)</b>	Personalized, competency-based professional growth system for teachers, with observation & coaching tools for administrators. Includes resources teachers can use in the classroom.	<a href="http://bloomboard.com/welcome">bloomboard.com/welcome</a>
		<b>Truenorthlogic</b>	A customizable professional growth platform that supports recruitment, observation, evaluation, and professional development.	<a href="http://www.truenorthlogic.com/">http://www.truenorthlogic.com/</a>
District	Is this district ready to successfully <b>redesign its PD system</b> ?	<b>PD redesign toolkit and diagnostics</b>	A set of tools developed as part of the innovative Professional Development (iPD) project to help districts assess the current state of their professional learning systems and diagnose where to focus redesign efforts.	<a href="http://pdredesign.org">pdredesign.org</a>
Time	How can we <b>find time for professional learning</b> inside the school day?	<b>School by Design (SxD)</b>	A tool that can be used by districts or schools to restructure time and resources for the purpose of giving teachers opportunities for collaboration and professional learning.	<a href="http://www.amplify.com/services/school-by-design">http://www.amplify.com/services/school-by-design</a>
Financial Resources	Am I <b>allocating resources towards the highest impact</b> ?	<b>Smarter School Spending</b>	A toolkit to assess district spending and support realignment of resources towards district priorities.	<a href="http://www.Smarterschoolspending.org">www.Smarterschoolspending.org</a>
		<b>ERS SchoolCheck</b>	A tool to help schools determine how efficiently they are using resources to support excellent teaching and personalized learning for students.	<a href="http://www.erstrategies.org/library/school_check">http://www.erstrategies.org/library/school_check</a>
		<b>ERS ResourceCheck</b>	A toolkit to assess district spending and support realignment of resources towards district priorities.	<a href="http://www.erstrategies.org/library/resourcecheck">http://www.erstrategies.org/library/resourcecheck</a>
		<b>BrightBytes</b>	Helps education leaders make smarter spending decisions by aligning school spending with learning outcomes to allocate money more effectively.	<a href="http://brightbytes.net/">http://brightbytes.net/</a>
HR	How can we <b>deliver the talent</b> necessary to improve instruction?	<b>Human Capital Academy</b>	To help optimize district HR offices to best support curriculum, instruction & assessment.	<a href="http://ushcademy.org/">http://ushcademy.org/</a>

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Data	Where can I learn more about <b>the safe and secure use of data across platforms to improve student learning?</b>	<b>Ed-Fi</b>	A set of common open source data definitions enabling schools and districts to more easily and securely manage information.	<a href="http://ed-fi.org">ed-fi.org</a>
		<b>Clever</b>	An integration system that keeps rosters in sync across different education technology platforms.	<a href="http://clever.com">clever.com</a>
		<b>Schoolzilla</b>	A dashboard library that securely connects to different platforms a school or district uses to surface insights to educators about student learning.	<a href="http://schoolzilla.com">schoolzilla.com</a>
	Are we <b>using data</b> most efficiently?	<b>Strategic Use of Data Rubric (and self-assessment guide)</b>	Rubric and self-assessment guide that provides a common language and process to help educators assess how effectively they use data to improve student learning and how they might get better.	<a href="http://sdp.cepr.harvard.edu/rubric">sdp.cepr.harvard.edu/rubric</a>
Getting Better at Implementation	How are doing at <b>implementing the Common Core</b> at the state and district level?	<b>Common Core Quality Review (CCQR)</b>	A service for states and districts to help them assess their level of Common Core implementation and critical improvements they may be able to make.	<a href="http://www.tntp.org">www.tntp.org</a>
		<b>Delivery Resources</b>	A set of tools to support districts in Common Core implementation.	<a href="https://www.deliveryinstitute.org/delivery-resources/delivery-resources">https://www.deliveryinstitute.org/delivery-resources/delivery-resources</a>
	How are doing at <b>implementing the Common Core</b> at the school level?	<b>Implementation of the Common Core State Standards: A Transition Guide for School-level Leaders</b>	Implementation guide intended for use as a reference and an action-planning springboard for school leadership teams committed to ensuring that the many interconnected components of high-quality CCSS implementation take hold in their schools.	<a href="http://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/implementation-common-core-state-standards-transition-guide-school-level-leaders">http://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/implementation-common-core-state-standards-transition-guide-school-level-leaders</a>
	How are we doing at <b>implementing the Common Core</b> within classrooms?	<b>Common Core Knowledge and Practice Survey</b>	A tool for educators/PLCs to reflect on their instructional practice and understanding of the Common Core. Designed for use in a school-based setting to identify areas for growth and offer concrete ways for teams of teachers to continue to align their classroom practice to the Common Core.	<a href="http://achievethecore.org/page/1105/common-core-knowledge-and-practice-survey">http://achievethecore.org/page/1105/common-core-knowledge-and-practice-survey</a>