



Calendar for Roll-Out of New North Carolina Standards and Assessments

SCS = Standard Course of Study; <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/>Essential Standards = New Standards; Adopted at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/>; Drafted at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/phase2/>

Subject Area	Where is North Carolina in the adoption process?	2010-2011 School Year	2011-2012 School Year	2012-2013 School Year	
Common Core Standards	English Language Arts	Common Core adopted June 2010	Current SCS taught and assessed	Current SCS taught and assessed	Common Core taught & assessed*
	Mathematics	Common Core adopted June 2010	Current SCS taught and assessed	Current SCS taught and assessed	Common Core taught & assessed*
	Science	Essential Standards adopted February 2010	Current SCS taught and assessed	Current SCS taught and assessed	New Essential Standards taught & assessed*
	Social Studies, Healthful Living, Arts, Guidance, World Languages	Anticipated adoption of Arts and World Languages Essential Standards: September 2010 (<i>Social Studies, Healthful Living, Guidance - Winter 2010</i>)	Current SCS taught and assessed	Current SCS taught and assessed	New Essential Standards taught & assessed*
	Career and Technical Education	Anticipated adoption January 2011	Current SCS taught and assessed	Current SCS taught and assessed	New Essential Standards taught & assessed**
	Information and Technology Skills	Essential Standards adopted September 2009	New Essential Standards piloted with current SCS	New Essential Standards taught	New Essential Standards taught
	Early Learning	Anticipated adoption of Essential Standards: Spring 2011	Current SCS taught	Current SCS taught	New Essential Standards taught
	Extended Content Standards	All Extended Content Standards will be on the same operational time line as the standards in each individual content area.			

*Assumes that new EOGs and EOCs will be administered at similar grade levels and in similar subjects as current ("assessed" in "taught & assessed" can mean classroom assessment and, where applicable, EOGs or EOCs.) Includes *NCEXTEND1* and *NCEXTEND2* assessments where applicable.

**CTE will be adopting a new SCS with Essential Standards embedded.

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Watch <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/timeline/> for updated calendars.

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Note: Pending Board Approval in June 2010

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Common Core Standards	OCS English I – IV	Adopted Sept 2009 (Anticipated update to OCS English I and II: Summer 2010)	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general English Standards)***; Current general English I EOC and Grade 10 Writing tested	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general English Standards)***; Current general English I EOC and Grade 10 Writing tested	Common Core/New OCS Essential Standards taught & assessed*
	OCS Mathematics (Introduction to Math, Math A-Algebra, Financial Management)	Adopted Sept 2009 (Anticipated update to Intro and Math A: Summer 2010)	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general Alg I SCS); Current general Algebra I EOC tested	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general Alg I SCS); Current general Algebra I EOC tested	Common Core/New OCS Essential Standards taught & assessed*
	OCS Social Studies	Anticipated Adoption: Winter 2010	Current OCS taught and assessed	Current OCS taught and assessed	New OCS Essential Standards taught*
	OCS Science (Applied Science, Biology)	Standards adopted February 2010	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general Biology SCS) ; Current general Biology tested	New OCS Essential Standards taught (with crosswalks to current general Biology SCS) ; Current general Biology tested	New OCS Essential Standards taught & assessed*

*** [Click Here](#) for details.



Answers to questions we anticipate educators having:

1) Common Core: <http://www.corestandards.org/>

What is the Common Core?

Governors and state commissioners of education from 48 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia committed to developing a Common Core of state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades K-12. NC adopted the Common Core Standards on June 2, 2010. The standards can be found at <http://www.corestandards.org/>. We appreciate your feedback on the Common Core at commoncore@dpi.state.nc.us.

2) Why are the Occupational Course of Study standards fast-tracked?

[Click Here](#) for detail.

3) How has the Transition Year been updated?

There will not be a transition year in which both the current SCS and the new standards are taught. During the field test year (2011-12), the instruction will be on the current SCS which is aligned with the operational tests students will take that year for AYP and ABCs. The first year (2012-13) of instruction for the new standards is the first year of the administration of the new assessments. This eliminates the requirement for teachers to deliver instruction on two sets of content standards in one year.

4) When should LEAs start Professional Development around the new standards?

We encourage schools to start professional development in the 2010-11 school year on the new standards. School districts have *two full years* to prepare prior to teaching the standards. Because many new standards will be operational in 2012-13, it is important that districts plan and start professional development around the new standards in 2010-11 so as to be fully prepared for teaching the new standards in 2012-13.

Please note: We expect Math and English II standards to change after the release of the validated Common Core standards this summer. Watch <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/> for updates.

**5) When will the NCDPI start offering resources and professional development aligned to the new standards?**

The NCDPI will start offering resources and professional development in the fall of 2010-11. Staff plan to use a blended model that takes advantage of the efficiency and wide-reach of online learning as well as face-to-face training. Staff will be seeking LEA collaborators in training around the new standards and will serve as a conduit to connect LEAs to best-practices across the state. The first Instructional Support Toolkit resources aligned to the new standards will be available online this summer.

6) How should LEAs move forward on new standards while the current SCS is operational?

Many schools are excited to implement the new Essential Standards and Common Core and have chosen to begin incorporating the new standards into instruction. While we are excited about the improved student outcomes that we believe these standards define, it is important to know that **in 2010-11 and 2011-12, state assessments will continue to be based on the currently operational Standard Course of Study.**

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