Statement of Support
Missouri Common Core State Standards

We, the undersigned, state our support for Missouri’s implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). By establishing fewer, higher and clearer academic benchmarks, the standards will enable students, with the help of parents and teachers, to best prepare for success in college and careers.

The Common Core State Standards are a set of high-quality academic expectations in English/language arts (ELA) and mathematics that define the knowledge and skills all students should know and be able to do to be on track for success in college and careers. The standards promote critical thinking and reasoning skills that students need.

The advantages of the Common Core State Standards include:

- **Fewer and consistent** learning goals for all students – regardless of where they live – so that children will stay on track in school when moving from one state to another.
- **A clear roadmap** of academic expectations, so that students, parents and teachers can work together toward shared goals.
- **Relevance** to the real world, focusing on the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in life after high school, in both post-secondary education and a globally competitive workforce.
- **Academically rigorous, attainable standards** for students, designed by a diverse team of teachers, parents, administrators, researchers and content experts to be **practical** for teachers and districts.

They do not tell teachers how to teach. There is no mandated curriculum. They simply raise the standards for what students should know at each stage in their academic careers.

The standards will provide Missouri teachers and schools with a greater opportunity to share best practices, increasing the efficiency of our education system as a whole.

We believe the Common Core State Standards will help provide our students and their families with the first-rate education they deserve and that will ensure Missouri reaches the Top 10 performing states by the year 2020.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Department of Higher Education
Supporters List
Missouri Common Core State Standards

Education Organizations

Achieve
Alliance for Childhood Education
Alliance for Excellent Education
America’s Great City School Superintendents, Chancellors and Chief Executive Officers
American Council on Education
American Federation of Teachers
American Statistical Association
Assessment Resource Center
Association of American Colleges and Universities
Child Care Aware® of Missouri
Children’s Education Alliance of MO/Children’s Education Council of MO
Coalition for a College and Career Ready America (CCCRA)
Coalition for Student Achievement
Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis
Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City
Core Knowledge Foundation
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)
Council of the Great City Schools
Council on Public Higher Education
Education Technology Partners
Foundation for Excellence in Education
International Reading Association
Midwest Center for Charter Schools and Urban Education at the University of Central Missouri
Missouri Charter Public School Association
Military Child Education Coalition
Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals
Missouri Association of Rural Educators
Missouri Association of School Administrators
Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals
Missouri Community College Association
Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education
Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Missouri Council of Supervisors of Mathematics
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Missouri Department of Higher Education
Missouri Education Reform Roundtable Foundation
Missouri Mathematics Association for the Advancement of Teacher Training
Missouri National Education Association
Missouri Parent Teacher Association
Missouri Professional Learning Communities
Missouri Public School Advocates
Missouri Reading Initiative
Missouri School Board Association
Missouri State Board of Education
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
National Education Association
National Mathematics Education Organizations
National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Parents as Teachers National Center
Partnership for 21st Century Skills
Show-Me Curriculum Administrators Association
South Central Regional Professional Development Center
Southwest Center for Education Excellence
St. Louis Center for Family Development
St. Louis Regional Early Childhood Council
SuccessLink
The College Board

**Missouri Public Schools**

Adair County R-II
Adrian School District
Affton School District
Allen Village School
Alta Vista Charter Middle School
Archie School District
Aurora R-VIII
Ava R-I
Avila R-XIII
Auxvasse Elementary
Ballard R-II
Benjamin Banneker Charter Academy of Technology
Bernie R-XIII
Bloomfield R-XIV
Branson Public Schools
Brentwood School District
Bronaugh R-VII
Butler Schools
Cameron R-I
Campbell R-II
Canton R-V Schools
Cape Girardeau Schools
Carl Junction R-I
Carrollton R-VII
Caruthersville School District
Cassville R-IV
Center School District
Centralia R-VI
Chillicothe R-II
Clark County R-I
Clayton School District
Clever R-V
Climax Springs R-IV
Clinton Schools
Clinton County Middle School
Cole R-V
Columbia Public School District
Community R-VI
Concordia R-II
Congress Middle School
Construction Careers Center
Cooper County R-IV
Cowgill R-VI
Crane R-III
Crossroads Academy
Crystal City School District
Davis R-XII
Della Lamb Charter School
Diamond R-IV
Eagle Glen Intermediate School
East Newton R-VI
East Prairie R-II
El Dorado Springs R-II
Eldon School District
Elsberry R-II
Ewing Marion Kauffman School
Excelsior Springs
Fayette R-III
Fort Zumwalt School District
Fox C-6
Francis Howell R-III
Fredericktown R-I
Fulton 58
Gallatin R-V
Gasconade R-I
Gorin R-III
Grand Center Arts Academy
Grandview C-4
Green Forest R-II
Greenfield R-IV
Hallsville School District
Hancock Place
Harrisburg R-VIII
Hazelwood School District
High Point R-III
Hollister R-V
Hope Leadership Academy Charter School
Jackson R-II
Jasper R-V
Jefferson City Schools
Johnson County R-VII
Joplin Schools
Kearney R-I
Kelso C-7
Kennett #39
Kingsville R-I
KIPP St. Louis
Kirkwood School District
Knob Noster R-VIII
Lamar R-I
LaMonte R-IV
Lathrop School District
Lebanon R-III
Lee’s Summit R-VII
Leeton R-X
Lewis County C-1
Liberty Public Schools
Lindbergh Schools
Lockwood R-I
Logan-Rogersville R-VIII
Lone Jack C-6
Lonedell R-XIV
Macks Creek R-V
Macon R-IV
Madison C-3
Malden R-I
Maries R-II
Marshfield R-I
Mary Paxton Keeley Elementary
McDonald County R-I
Meramec Valley R-III
Mexico 59 School District
Middle Grove C-1
Midway School District
Miller R-II
Missouri School for the Blind
Missouri School for the Deaf
Moberly Schools
Moniteau R-I
Moniteau R-V
Monroe City R-I
Montrose R-XIV
Morgan County R-I
Morgan County R-II
Mountain View-Birch Tree
Mt. Vernon R-V
Neosho Schools
Nevada R-V
Nixa Public Schools
Nodaway-Holt R-VII
Norborne R-VIII
Normandy School District
North Daviess R-III
North S. Francois County R-I
North Wood R-IV
Northwest R-I
Oak Hill School District
Oran R-III
Orchard Farm School District
Orrick R-XI
Osage County R-II
Paris R-II
Park Hill School District
Parkway School District
Pattonville R-III
Pemiscot R-III
Perry County District 32
Pettis Co. R-XII
Plato R-V
Platte School District
Pleasant Hill R-III
Polo R-VII
Poplar Bluff R-I
Portageville School District
Prairie Home R-V
Rich Hill R-IV
Richland R-I
Ridgeway R-V
Ritenour School District
Rockwood School District
Rolla 31 Schools
Salem R-80
Salisbury R-IV
Schuyler R-I
Scotland County
Scott County R-IV
Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School
Sedalia School District
Senath-Hornersville C-8
Shearwater Education Foundation
Sikeston R-VI
Slater Public Schools
Smithton R-VI
Smithville R-II
Silex R-I
South Callaway Schools
South City Prep
Southern Boone School District
Southland C-9
Southwest R-V
Southwest Livingston County R-I
Special School Dist. of St. Louis County
Spokane R-VII Schools
Spring Bluff R-XV
Springfield Public Schools
St. Charles School District
St. Clair R-XIII
St. Joseph School District
St. Louis Public Schools
Stanberry R-II
Ste. Genevieve R-II
Steelville R-III
Stockton R-I
Strain-Japan R-XVI
Success R-VI
Sullivan School District
Summersville R-II
Tipton R-VI
Trenton R-IX
Troy R-III
Truman Middle School
Union R-XI
Union Star School District
University City Schools
Valley Park School District
Van Buren R-I
Verona R-VII
Warren County R-III
Warrensburg R-VI
Waynesville R-VI
Webb City R-VII
Webster Groves School District
Wentzville R-IV
West Platte School District
Westview C-6
Wheaton R-III
Willard School District
Windsor C-1
Winfield R-IV
Winona R-III School District

Higher Education
Avila University
Central Methodist University
College of the Ozarks
Crowder College
Culver-Stockton College
Drury University
East Central College
Harris-Stowe State University
Jefferson College Teacher Education Program
Lincoln University
Linn State Technical College
Mineral Area College
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri Southern State University School of Education and Department of Teacher Education
Missouri State University
Missouri State University-West Plains
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Missouri Western State University Education Department
Missouri Valley College
Missouri Western State University
Moberly Area Community College
North Central Missouri College
Northwest Missouri State University
Ozarks Technical Community College
Southeast Missouri State University
Southwest Baptist University
State Fair Community College
St. Louis Community College
Truman State University
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AdvanceED
Aetna
Association of American Publishers
BAE Systems
Battelle
Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc.
Business Coalition for Student Achievement
Business Roundtable
Business-Higher Education Forum

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City of Kansas City
City of St. Louis
Civic Council of Kansas City
Civic Progress of St. Louis
Deaconess Foundation
Dell Inc.
Eastman Chemical Company
Eastman Kodak Company
Evans Newton Incorporated
GlaxoSmithKline
Harper Industries, Inc.
Hawaii Business Roundtable
IBM Corporation
ING
Intel Corporation
MetaMetrics
Microsoft
Missouri Chamber of Commerce
Monsanto
National Association of Manufacturers
Partnership for 21st Century Skills
Qualprint
Rockwell Automation
Rockwell Collins
SAS Institute, Inc.
Software & Information Industry Association
St. Louis Regional Chamber
State Farm Insurance
The Boeing Company
Thomas B. Fordham Institute
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Engineering Company
Verizon Communications, Inc.
Wireless Generation
Worldwide Interactive Network (WIN)