

Administrative Memo

Date: October 24, 2012
To: Superintendents and Principals
From: Sharon Helwig, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner
Subject: CCR-12-014 – Implementation of Core Academic Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics

All districts should be in the process of curriculum review and revision to align with the new English/language arts and mathematics standards. Some Missouri districts will be participating in the small-scale and pilot assessments this year with SMARTER Balanced, and field-testing is scheduled for early Spring 2014. These events will give Missouri educators experience with assessment items that require proficiency on the new standards. Students must have access to instruction that prepares them to perform well, which requires a change in curriculum in many instances.

Department Directors of English/Language Arts and Mathematics have provided a number of curriculum and assessment activities over the past year in preparation for the implementation of the Missouri Core Academic Standards (CAS).

Specific curricular changes that need to occur within the next two years related to the new core standards in each area appear below.

English/Language Arts

All districts should begin implementing the Core Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.

For additional resources and information about the English language arts CAS visit <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/common-core-ela.htm>. Contact Diane Audsley, Director of English Language Arts, if you have questions or need assistance at diane.audsley@dese.mo.gov.

Mathematics

All districts should be implementing the eight Standards for Mathematical Practice in all grades K – 12. In addition:

- During this **2012 – 2013** school year, districts should align **K – 2** mathematics curriculum, instruction, and assessment to the Mathematics CAS.
- Beginning with the **2013 – 2014** school year, districts should align all **K – 12** mathematics curriculum, instruction, and assessments to the Mathematics CAS.

For additional resources and information about the mathematics CAS visit <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/common-core-math.htm>. Contact Cindy Bryant, Director of Mathematics, if you have questions or need assistance at Cindy.Bryant@dese.mo.gov.