

# Improving Instruction Today; Preparing for Tomorrow

Common Core State Standards &  
PARCC Assessment Implementation

# Common Core Standards and PARCC Assessments

- New rigorous standards
  - English Language Arts
  - Mathematics
  - Literacy in Content Areas (6-12)
- Fully implemented & assessed in 2014-15
  - Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be the first to be assessed for graduation in 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Current KG students will be the first elementary students assessed in grade 3
- 45 states have currently adopted Common Core

# Implications

CCSS and PARCC assessments will provide a valid comparison to other states, and even districts in other states

- Promotion
- Graduation
- College Admission

# Florida's Common Core State Standards Implementation Timeline

Year/Grade Level	K	1	2	3-8	9-12
2011-2012	FL	L	L	L	L
2012-2013	F L	F L	L	L	L
2013-2014 CCSS fully implemented	F L	F L	F L	B L	B L
2014-2015 CCSS fully implemented and assessed	F L	F L	F L	F L	F L

**F** - full implementation of CCSS for all content areas

**L** - begin full implementation of content area literacy standards including: (1) use of informational text, text complexity, quality and range in all grades (K-12), and (2) CCSS Literacy Standards in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (6-12)

**B** - blended instruction of CCSS with Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS); last year of NGSSS assessed on FCAT 2.0

# PARCC Assessment

- What?
  - Partnership for the **A**ssessment of **R**eadiness for **C**ollege and **C**areers
  - Significantly more sophisticated assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts
- Who?
  - Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and younger will take PARCC
  - Grades 3-11 will be assessed with PARCC
- When?
  - 2014-2015

# **FCAT v. PARCC**

## **Reading & Writing**



# Instructional **CHANGES**

- Attention to **Text** Complexity
- Emphasis on Student **Tasks** (especially writing)
- Responsibility for Reading & Writing **Instruction**
  - Every Teacher, Every Subject

# **K-12 Reading Plan: Literacy Priorities**

## **K-2 Priorities:**

- Focus on “Learning to Read” – beginning reading instruction
- Focus on research-based guided reading and read aloud
- Based on Common Core State Standards (K-2)



# **K-12 Reading Plan: Literacy Priorities**

## **3-5 Priorities:**

- Focus on whole and small group instruction
- Focus on reading of complex text
- Focus on writing in response to text

# **K-12 Reading Plan: Literacy Priorities**

## **6-12 Priorities:**

- Focus on text (text complexity)
- Focus on tasks (standards)
- Focus on instruction (instructional methods necessary for student success on standards)

# **NGSSS v. CCSS**

## Mathematics



# Mathematics

## Standards for Mathematical CONTENT

- Define what students should know and be able to do (The “What”)

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## Standards for Mathematical PRACTICE

- Describe ways in which the mathematical content standards should be approached (The “How”)

NEW & DIFFERENT

# Instructional **CHANGES** in Math

- Promote deep student discussion on the content
- Emphasize on Student Tasks (performance-tasks)
- Include PRACTICE Standards at all grade levels
- Expand use of technology

# K-12 Math Priorities

## K-8 Priorities:

- Grade-level specific concepts
- Algebra readiness
- Create habits of mind
- Conceptual understanding, fluency, and precision

# K-12 Math Priorities

## 9-12 Course Specific:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Justification, application, and technology

# What Are We Doing Now?

- FOLLOWING STATE'S TIMELINE
  - Kindergarten now; First grade next year
- PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
  - Instructors, Administrators, Supervisors
- PLANNING, LEARNING, & COLLABORATING
  - Communication, Professional Development System, K-12 Reading Plan





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Shortsighted or Longsighted?

Questions?