

Common Core: *Or, How Can We Help Students?*

The **Common Core State Standards Initiative** is an educational initiative from 2010 that details what K–12 students throughout the United States should know in English language arts and mathematics at the conclusion of each school grade. The initiative is sponsored by the National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers.

The Common Core initiative also seeks to establish consistent educational standards across the states as well as ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to enter credit-bearing courses at two- or four-year college programs or to enter the workforce.

All students graduating from Idaho public high schools must meet [state-adopted content standards](#). These standards are to be used as a minimum threshold by every school district in the state in order to establish some consistency in academic content statewide.

Each school district may set standards more rigorous than these state content standards, but no district shall use any standards less rigorous than those set forth in [IDAPA 08.02.03.102, page 11](#). It is still up to each local school district to adopt its own curriculum (how the standards are taught) to meet these standards. Idaho reviews and revises, when needed, all content standards on a six-year review/adoption cycle.

Resources

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- Go to "Alexanderclark.com"
- Click on "online order" – upper right hand of page.
- Your customer code is "isde123" lower case.

While the Idaho State Department of Education covers the cost of the materials and printing of the standards booklets, your library will need to cover the cost of shipping and handling.

More resources are available from the Idaho State Department of Education at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/standards/>.

For questions regarding Idaho Content Standards, please contact Jeannie Standal, the ICfL's School Library Consultant at Jeannie.Standal@libraries.idaho.gov or at 208-639-4139.