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STOP COMMON CORE
Replace Common Core to Meet North Carolina's Needs (HB 1061/SB812)
TALKING POINTS

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) is a set of national K – 12 standards in math and English language arts currently being implemented in 45 states and Washington, D.C. Supporters of the CCSS claim that the development of the standards was a “state-led” effort, but that simply is not true. Neither state boards of education, state legislators nor local education officials, school leaders, teachers, nor parents were included in the development, evaluation, and adoption of CCSS.

In 2009, when states’ budgets were tight, states were given the opportunity to compete for Race to the Top grants. Additionally, states could also apply for the No Child Left Behind waiver starting in 2011. Most states agreed to the CCSS standards and assessments scheme – sight unseen. By implementing untested standards, both students and teachers are participating in an absolute experiment.


- **Common Core is an Assault on States’ Rights and Local Control.** The CCSS initiative is unconstitutional and is an affront to state’s rights as outlined in the Tenth Amendment.
- **Common Core Threatens Student and Family Privacy.** In January 2012, the United States Department of Education, without congressional approval, changed the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to allow the transmission of students’ personally identifiable information “to any government or private entity designated by the Department and others as an ‘authorized representative’” for the purpose of the evaluation of an education program
- **Common Core is a Lowering of Education Standards.** Dr. Sandra Stotsky, Professor Emerita at the University of Arkansas, served on the Common Core Validation Committee. She cited poor quality, empty skill sets, the de-emphasis on literature and low reading levels.
- **Common Core Has a High Price Tag.** Costs associated with the new standards and assessments are estimated to be nearly \$16 billion over the next seven years.
- **Common Core Will Affect Private and Home School Students.** According to the Home School Legal Defense Association, “common tests based off common standards could be very harmful to homeschoolers if their college of choice refuses to accept a student’s high school transcript if it is not based on the CCSS.”

What you can do to STOP COMMON CORE: Visit nc.cwfa.org or ConcernedWomen.org for more information. Call, e-mail or write Gov. McCrory, and state legislators to “Replace Common Core to Meet North Carolina’s Needs” and to support HB 1061 (SB 812).

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See legislation and talking points as stated by Lt. Governor Dan Forest's office:

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House Bill 1061 was recently filed in the General Assembly. This is the bill stemming from the Legislative Research Committee's recommendation to regain local control of our North Carolina standards.

[House Bill 1061/Senate Bill 812 "Replace Common Core to Meet NC's Needs"](#): This bill removes Common Core State Standards from General Statute. By doing so, the bill clarifies the State Board of Education's authority over the direction and content of North Carolina education standards. HB 1061 keeps the federal government and unaccountable national organizations from meddling with the educational standards that are, by Constitution, the sole authority of North Carolina. This bill creates a committee that will go through the standards line-by-line. They will remove developmentally inappropriate material, fix the gaps that fail to help our students graduate STEM ready, and then create our own NC standards. "Replace Common Core to Meet NC's Needs" puts control of education back into the hands of North Carolina, where it belongs.

What is the point of the bill "Replace Common Core to Meet NC's Needs?"

On many occasions, some Members of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson have stated that their hands are tied because Common Core State Standards are referenced in North Carolina General Statutes. In removing Common Core from State law, the State Board of Education now is unambiguously accountable for solving the issues found in Common Core or any other standards to be created.

If passed, this legislation will create a standards review commission that will be able to make recommendations to the State Board of Education for needed changes. They will do this in three ways: (1) They may recommend timely changes to the SBOE for instant modification to our current standards; (2) they will diligently go line-by-line throughout all the standards to make recommendations to the SBOE for other necessary changes; and (3), the standards review commission will assemble recommendations for new North Carolina educational standards to the SBOE for approval.

This legislation is the first step for our state to have the highest, most rigorous standards in the nation that are developmentally appropriate for our students and reflect the needs and demands of our changing economy. Please urge your legislators to vote in favor of the "Replace Common Core to Meet NC's Needs" bill.

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