

## June 2015 CCIT Resources:



### Dear Common Core Implementation Team Member,

Governor Christie has called for a review of NJ's mathematics and English language arts standards, known as the Common Core State Standards. This is not the first time New Jersey has reviewed their standards. As in the past, until the standards review is complete, our current standards will remain in place. This will be a thorough, deliberative process, and we will keep you posted throughout the process.

Thank you for your work and dedication this year! I hope you enjoy your summer.

As always, we need your input and look forward to continuing important conversations with you at [njcore@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njcore@doe.state.nj.us).

Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Academics



### Common Core State Standards

- **Education Week Quiz on Reading Development**

Education Week offers an online interactive quiz to test one's knowledge about children's early reading development. The quiz is designed to identify and correct "common misconceptions about how students master literacy in the early grades." Answers provided are based on current research.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/quiz-test-your-knowledge-about-reading-development.html>

- **Education World's FREE Summer Reading Programs**

Education World is a free online resource for teachers, administrators and school staff offering news, instructional materials and resources, as well as professional development articles and columns. This webpage offers ideas for free sources of summer reading and related projects to help students maintain skill levels over the school break.

<http://www.educationworld.com/resources-summer-reading-projects-and-programs-0>



## **Spotlight on Local NJ Districts and Students**

- **U.S. News and World Report includes Four NJ High Schools in Top 50**

Congratulations to students and educators at four NJ high schools recently ranked among the country's top 50 secondary schools. The schools were Freehold's Biotechnology High School (19<sup>th</sup>), Lincroft's High Technology High School (20<sup>th</sup>), Bergen County Technical High School in Teterboro (31<sup>st</sup>) and Jersey City's Ronald McNair High School (43<sup>rd</sup>). Factors in the ranking included student performance on state assessments, as well as participation in and performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

[http://www.nj.com/education/2015/05/nj\\_has\\_four\\_of\\_americas\\_40\\_best\\_high\\_schools\\_repor.html#incart\\_most\\_shared-education](http://www.nj.com/education/2015/05/nj_has_four_of_americas_40_best_high_schools_repor.html#incart_most_shared-education)



*Note:* We'd like to share what local districts are doing to help students, families and community better understand the benefits of CCSS and PARCC assessments. Please send information about your district to [njcore@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njcore@doe.state.nj.us) and we'll post it here!



**Partnership for Assessment of  
Readiness for College and Careers**

- **PARCC Online offers "News and Updates"**

Changes will be made in the PARCC tests in the next school year. Check this website regularly for news and updates on the assessments.

<http://www.parcconline.org/news>



## **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)**

- **May 2015 NGSS NOW newsletter**

Find the May 2015 NGSS NOW newsletter at this site with updates on the new standards as well as stories and lessons learned by educators around the country.

<http://www.nextgenscience.org/sites/ngss/files/May2015NGSSNOWNewsletter.pdf>



## **FREE Audio-Visual: Webinars, TV, Videos and Technology Apps**

- **What's APPening: 100 Apps for Educators**

<https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/whats-appening-100-apps-for-education>

- **Common Core Quest App for Educators, Parents and Students**

<http://commoncorequest.opened.io/ccquest-learn-more/>

- **CCSSO Implement the Common Core Standards (ICCS) Webinars**

[http://www.ccsso.org/CCSS\\_Forward\\_State\\_Resources\\_and\\_Success\\_Stories\\_to\\_Implement\\_the\\_Common\\_Core/Webinars\\_and\\_Newsletters.html](http://www.ccsso.org/CCSS_Forward_State_Resources_and_Success_Stories_to_Implement_the_Common_Core/Webinars_and_Newsletters.html)

- **edWeb.net Webinars**

<http://home.edweb.net/upcoming-webinars/>

- **ASCD Webinars**

<http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/webinars.aspx>

- **Education Week Webinars**

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/marketplace/webinars/webinars.html?intc=thed>



## **YOU are a CCSS and PARCC Resource**

- **NJ Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE) Seeking Articles for 2016 Journal**

NJCTE seeks material for the 2016 New Jersey English Journal. Editors are looking for “researched articles as well as creative written responses that shed light on the many possibilities, topics, issues, problems and solutions related to the development of the Language Arts teaching profession.” The theme is “The Teaching Profession: Past, Present and Future” and manuscripts can be submitted from April through December 15, 2015.

<http://www.njcte.com/n-j-english-journal/>

- **ASCD Express Invites Content for September 2015 Issue**

*ASCD Express* is a free e-newsletter published twice monthly with “practical, actionable strategies and information” written by and for practitioners. Editors are now accepting pieces for the September 2015 issue on “Questioning for Learning,” with materials due by July 1.

<http://www.ascd.org/ascd-express/Themes/Write-for-ASCD-Express.aspx#themes>

- **ASCD Educational Leadership Articles for December 2015/January 2016 Issue**

*ASCD Educational Leadership* editors are currently looking for articles to appear in the December 2015/January 2016 issue focusing on “Teaching in Tandem.” Materials should include discussion of “the benefits and challenges of two or more professionals working together to plan and deliver instruction.” Deadline for submissions is July 1.

<http://www.ascd.org/Publications/Educational-Leadership/Upcoming-Themes.aspx>



## **Further Reading**

- **New Jersey Council for the Social Studies (NJCSS) Teacher of the Year Awards**

The New Jersey Council for the Social Studies will present an Elementary (K-5) Teacher of the Year Award and a Secondary (6-12) Teacher of the Year Award at their annual fall conference in October. Send a nomination with three letters of recommendation by accessing the Teacher of the Year Award forms at by **June 15, 2015**.

[Click here for Elementary Teacher of the Year Award 2015](#)

[Click here for Secondary Teacher of the Year Award 2015](#)

- **Students at the Center Report on Deeper Learning for Postsecondary Success**

The Students at the Center website provides research on “key components of student-centered approaches to learning that lead to deeper learning outcomes.” Part of the 2015 Deeper Learning Research Series, this paper suggests schools need to “mix in-school learning with out-of-school, work-based experiences that gradually increase as students advance toward the completion of high school” for higher engagement in career readiness.

[http://studentsatthecenter.org/sites/scl.dl-dev.com/files/field\\_attach\\_file/Lets-Get-Real-Executive-Summary-020415\\_0.pdf](http://studentsatthecenter.org/sites/scl.dl-dev.com/files/field_attach_file/Lets-Get-Real-Executive-Summary-020415_0.pdf)

- **Harvard and Brown Universities Research Teacher-Parent Communication**

Researchers at Harvard and Brown Universities studied a “light-touch communication” strategy to increase effectiveness of parent involvement in their children’s education. They state that their “results illustrate the underutilized potential of communication policies with clear but reasonable expectations for teachers and program designs that make communication efficient and effective.”

<http://scholar.harvard.edu/mkraft/publications/underutilized-potential-teacher-parent-communication-evidence-field-experiment>



## **FREE Professional Development Opportunities**

- **NJDOE Calendar of Events for June through August 2015**

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/>

- **Advocates for Children of NJ (ACNJ) Forums in Southern and Northern NJ**

Every year, ACNJ presents its NJ Kids Count Forums to review current statistics on child well-being in each county. These are free events held in northern and southern locations to help educators and other professionals understand and address the needs of students in their counties. To register, go to the website below. For questions, contact Reggie Dorsey at [rdorsey@acnj.org](mailto:rdorsey@acnj.org).

<http://acnj.org/>

- **NJ Council for the Social Studies Summer Events**

Check the NJCSS website for free upcoming professional development offerings during months of June, July and the new school year.

<http://www.njcass.org/>

- **Free Edcamp Global July 31 through August 1, 2015**

The innovative “edcamp” concept is going global this summer. Register for the free “24 Hour Global Learning Experience” scheduled for July 31-August 1, 2015. As organizers describe the event, “Unlike the traditional edcamp, you will find sessions for 24 hours that accommodate any schedule across the world” with participants determining content by completing a form available on the registration site below.

<http://edcampglobal.wix.com/edcamp#>

 <p><b>COMMON CORE</b> STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PREPARING AMERICA'S STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE &amp; CAREER</p>	<p><b>Do you know someone who isn't receiving these?</b></p> <p>Forward this to a colleague and encourage them to sign-up! <a href="http://education.state.nj.us/ccit/subscribe.php">http://education.state.nj.us/ccit/subscribe.php</a>.</p>
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	<p><b>Missed any CCIT mailings?</b></p> <p>Find previous mailings at: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/team/ccit.pdf">http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/team/ccit.pdf</a></p>
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	<p><b>How else can we help you?</b></p> <p>Send us an e-mail at <a href="mailto:njcore@doe.state.nj.us">njcore@doe.state.nj.us</a></p>
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**NJCore.org**  
**What's Trending?**

**New Features & Content on NJCORE.ORG (<http://njcore.org/>)**

- Badge awards for resource contributions levels.
- Featured content area on homepage

	<b>Month (May)</b>	<b>Since Launch</b>
<b>Number of Registered Educators</b>	200	2280
<b>Number of Visitors</b>	8,004	154,793
<b>Top 5 Districts</b>	Newark	Trenton
	Trenton	Passaic
	Jersey City	Newark
	Paterson	Bayonne
	Brick	Jersey City