

What are the Florida Standards?

The original Common Core State Standards adopted in July 2010. In response to public concerns about these standards were reviewed. Based on public comments, in January of 2014, the Department of Education recommended that changes be made. The resulting new *Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS)* and *Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS)* were approved by the Florida State Board of Education on February 18, 2014.

Both of the finalized *MAFS* and *LAFS* are to be fully implemented across the grades in the 2014-15 school year.

The Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS) include the K-8 grade level standards, 9-12 content standards (placed in high school courses as appropriate), and K-12 Standards for Mathematical Practice.

[2014 Mathematics Florida Standards](#)

The Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS) include the English Language Arts standards in grades K-12 as well as the content-area literacy standards for middle school and high school instruction in the following content areas: history/social studies, science, and technical subjects.

[2014 Language Arts Florida Standards](#)

Successful implementation of these rigorous and relevant standards will prepare Florida's students for college and a career.

In addition to Florida's newest sets of standards for English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics, we continue to have the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for the Arts (2010), Health Education (2008), Physical Education (2008), Science (2008), and Social Studies (2008), and World Languages (2011).

You can view all the standards at <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/> (simply click on "Standards", then enter subject and grade level).

The National PTA organization has developed *The Parents' Guide to Student Success* in response to the transition to new standards. There is a guide for each grade level, K-8, and high school. The guide includes:

- Key items that children should be learning in English language arts and mathematics in each grade
- Activities that parents can do at home to support their children's learning
- Methods of helping parents build stronger relationships with their child's teacher
- Tips for planning college and career (high school only)

You can find *The Parents' Guide to Student Success* at <http://www.pta.org/4446.htm>