COMMON CORE STANDARDS ELA INSTRUCTIONAL SHIFTS



PK-5, Balancing Informational & Literary Texts

Students read a true balance of informational and literary texts. At least 50% of what students read is informational.



<u>6-12 Knowledge in the Disciplines</u>

Content area teachers outside of the ELA classroom emphasize literacy. Students are expected to learn from what they read.



Staircase of Complexity

Students read the central, grade appropriate text around which instruction is centered. Appropriate and necessary scaffolding and supports make success possible for students reading below grade level.



Text-based Answers

Classroom experiences stay deeply connected to the text. Students make evidentiary arguments both in conversation, as well as in writing to assess comprehension of a text.



Writing from Sources

Writing needs to emphasize use of evidence to inform or make an argument rather than the personal narrative.



Academic Vocabulary

Focus strategically on comprehension of pivotal and commonly found words and less on esoteric literary terms.

Shift 2

Shift 3

Shift 4

Shift 5

Shift 6

Shift 1

COMMON CORE STANDARDS MATH INSTRUCTIONAL SHIFTS



Narrow and deepen the scope of how time and energy is spent in the math classroom, to focus deeply on only the concepts that are prioritized in the standards.



Carefully connect the learning within and across grades so each standard is not a new event, but an extension of previous learning.



Speed and accuracy with simple calculations; students memorize core functions so that they are more able to understand and manipulate more complex concepts.





Deep Understanding

Teachers teach more than "how to get the answer." Development of deep conceptual understanding of core math concepts by applying them to new situations.



Students are expected to use math and choose the appropriate concept for application even when not prompted to do so. - Math concepts in "real world situations."



Students are practicing and understanding. "Drills" and skills as balanced through extended application of math concepts.