

## Quick Facts on Ohio's Common Core State Standards

### Common Core Standards

- Ohio HB 1 in 2009 required the State Board of Education to adopt new standards.
- The Common Core standards were developed by states, not the federal government.
- Ohio voluntarily adopted the Common Core standards in math and English as part of Ohio's New Learning standards. Ohio also created new standards in science and social studies that are not part of the Common Core standards.
- Standards set goals for what students should know and be able to do at each grade. Standards do not tell teachers *how* to teach – that's what curriculum does.
- Curriculum is created by teachers, principals, superintendents and local school boards and tailored to the individual needs of the students in their community.
- Educators from 45 states, including Ohio, chose to work together to create higher learning expectations for our students, resulting in the Common Core standards.
- The Common Core standards will give teachers more freedom to focus on the most important topics.
- There is no Common Core curriculum or required state curriculum.

### Local Independence

- Ohio's long history of local control is preserved. Parents, students and teachers maintain the right to make individual choices about their education.
- The development of curriculum and lesson plans along with the selection of textbooks or other instructional materials remains a local choice.

### Data Privacy

- The Common Core standards do not involve any data collection or reporting.
- Ohio protects the privacy of its students and does not report student specific data to the federal government or sell student data to private interests.