



Kansas College & Career Ready Standards

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Introduction

The Kansas College & Career Ready Standards (KCCR) initiative was a collaborative national effort to align states across the country with a common understanding of what students need to learn. English Language Arts and Math KCCR have been completed and approved by 46 states, including Kansas. Science and Social Studies standards are being developed. The standards include rigorous content and an application of knowledge to prepare students to be college and career ready. Kansas districts, including the Spring Hill School District, are currently preparing for full implementation by the 2013-14 school year.

A Few Benefits of KCCR

- Fewer, higher and clearer standards
- Learning is aligned with college-readiness and work expectations
- Rigorous content and students also must apply knowledge through higher level skills
- Consistent among states plus internationally benchmarked
- An established framework for 85 percent of curriculum with the additional 15 percent coming from state and local levels

KCCR is Not...

- Lessons teachers must teach
- Dictating or recommending specific textbooks or instructional materials to be used in classrooms
- A mandate on teaching strategies that must be used



A Few Highlights from English Language Arts

- Integrate reading, writing, listening, speaking, language, media and technology
- Increase reading of complex literary and informational text throughout the grades (close reading)
- Writing skills that demonstrate knowledge and experience, with an emphasis on logical argument
- Research and written analysis
- Increased emphasis on literacy throughout all subject areas
- Speaking and listening to evaluate and gain information

A Few Highlights from Math

- Eight standards have been developed to describe the expertise students must develop and apply from grades K-12
- A solid foundation of number sense, computation, application and concept development for grades K-5
- Significant emphasis on depth of understanding along with procedural skill development in order to be successful with increasingly complex math learning
- Hands-on learning in algebra, geometry and statistics
- Mathematical thinking that can be applied in the real world

District Timeline

The district is working to successfully transition to the new KCCR by the 2013-14 school year. See the time table below:

School Year	KCCR Implementation
2011-2012	Math: Kindergarten-2nd Grade
2012-2013	Math: 3rd-8th Grades
2013-2014	Math: High School; All Grades: Language Arts