

## **What are the Common Core State Standards and why are they coming to our schools?**

The following information is from <http://www.corestandards.org/what-parents-should-know>. On this site, in addition to the links below, there is also a video entitled "Learn About the Common Core in 3 Minutes!"

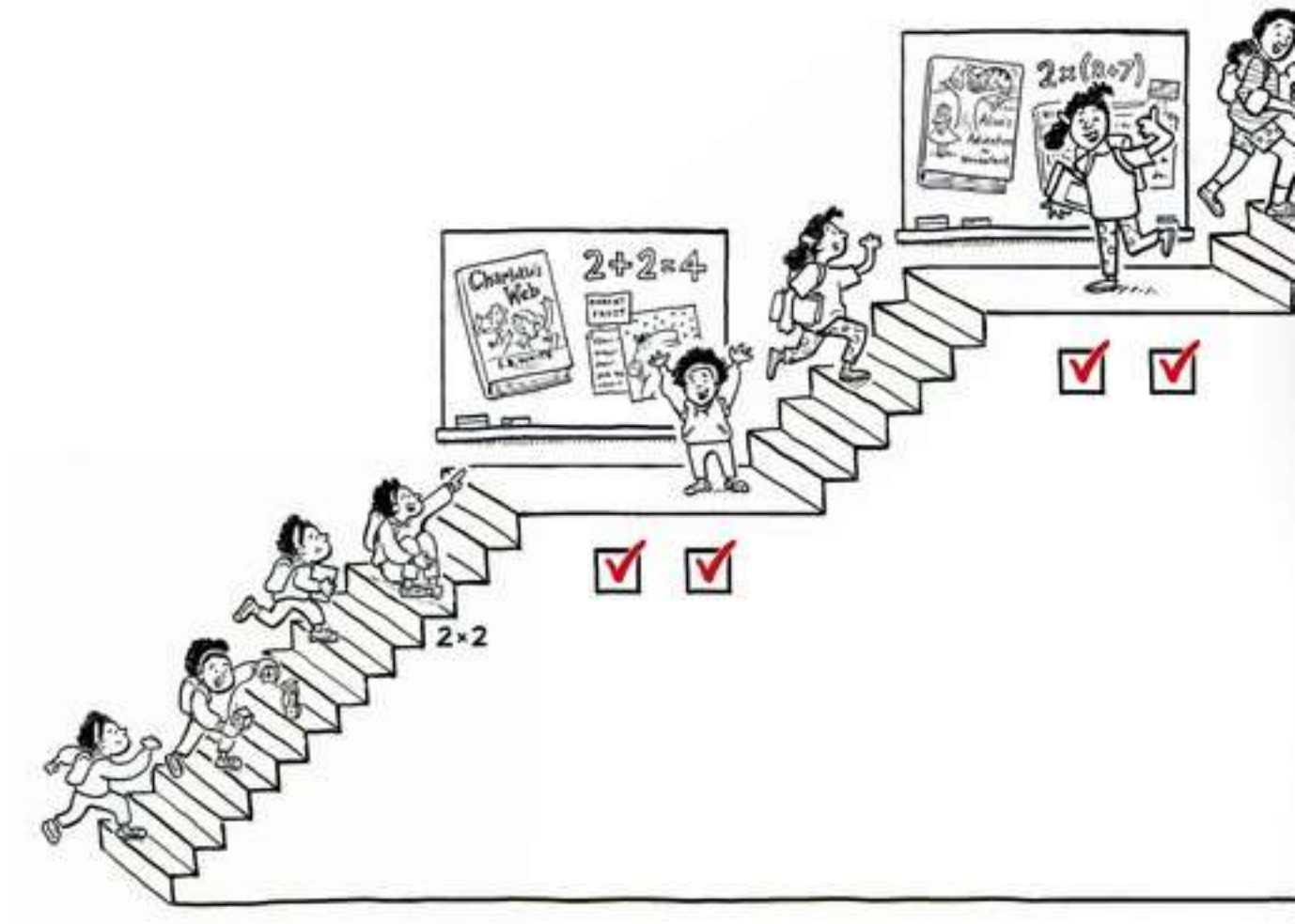
"Today's students are preparing to enter a world in which colleges and businesses are demanding more than ever before. To ensure all students are ready for success after high school, the Common Core State Standards establish clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The standards were drafted by experts and teachers from across the country and are designed to ensure students are prepared for today's entry-level careers, freshman-level college courses, and workforce training programs. The Common Core focuses on developing the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills students will need to be successful. Forty-five states, the District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) have voluntarily adopted and are moving forward with the standards.

The new standards also provide a way for teachers to measure student progress throughout the school year and ensure that students are on the pathway to success in their academic careers."

Interested in learning more about the Common Core and the skills that students need to succeed?

- Find out what your state is doing to implement the standards, support teachers, and more on our "Standards in Your State" page.
- Learn more about how the Common Core was developed at our "About the Standards" page.
- See what's different about the Common Core compared to previous state standards at "Key Shifts in Mathematics" and "Key Shifts in English Language Arts" pages.
- Get the facts about the Common Core on our "Myths vs. Facts" page.
- Get more answers on our "Frequently Asked Questions" page.



*State-by-state adoption of these standards is an important step towards maintaining our country's competitive edge. With a skilled and prepared*

*workforce, the business community will be better prepared to face the challenges of the international marketplace.*

**Edward B. Rust, Jr., Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**

Will common assessments be developed?

Why are the Common Core State Standards important?

Will CCSSO and the NGA Center be creating common instructional materials and curricula?

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