

# The Core of the Core:

What matters most in Curriculum & Assessment



# Our Challenge Graduating All Students College & Career Ready

New York's 4-year high school graduation rate is 74% for All Students However, the gaps are disturbing.

#### **June 2011 Graduation Rate**

**Graduation under Current Requirements** 

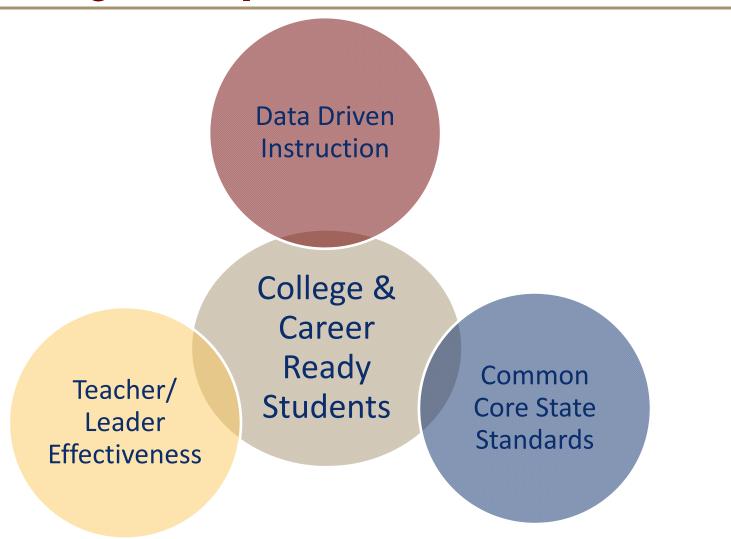
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	% Graduating	%	Graduating
All Students	74.0	All Students	34.7
American Indian	59.6	American Indian	16.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	82.4	Asian/Pacific Islander	55.9
Black	58.4	Black	11.5
Hispanic	58.0	Hispanic	14.5
White	85.1	White	48.1
English Language Learners	38.2	English Language Learners	6.5
Students with Disabilities	44.6	Students with Disabilities	4.4

<sup>\*</sup>Students graduating with at least a score of 75 on Regents English and 80 on a Math Regents, which correlates with success in first-year college courses.

Source: NYSED Office of Information and Reporting Services

# Translating Theory to Action



# Early Childhood Literacy:

....setting the stage for C& CR in grades P-2



# The High Stakes of Early Literacy

- 42% of 3rd grade boys and 34% of third grade girls in third grade read below grade level\*
- one in six children who are not reading proficiently in third grade will not graduate high school\*

\* Hernandez, D. (2011). Double Jeopardy: How third grade reading skills and poverty Influence High school graduation. Annie E Casey Foundation.

# 5.6 students of this 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will not graduate from High School



# What the core demands by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

#### Skills & Knowledge

- Foundational Skills: phonics, decoding, fluency, comprehension
- Academic Language
   Comprehension with a focus on syntax
- Background knowledge critical to understanding complex text

#### Instruction

- grade appropriate complex text exposure and practice for all students with appropriate scaffolding
- Opportunities for Practice through Guided Reading and individual choice
- Volume of text to foster confidence and enjoyment

# The Double Deficit

# Rapid Naming Deficit

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# Phonological Deficit

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- Students with a triple deficit cannot build a **rich vocabulary by reading independently.** All students must be exposed to **varied and sophisticated syntax and vocabulary** through excellent text read aloud

# What matters most?

- balance of texts
- spiraling skills based curriculum with built in assessment
- building appreciation, enjoyment and confidence in approaches to learning
- ensuring students have opportunities to explore and write about the text they read
- preparing for the reading to learn transition in upper elementary grades

# Measuring the Core

#### You will need:

- Green and White ELA items
- Green and White Math items

#### In pairs, work with either Math or ELA

Name 3 ways the green and white items are different

#### When you're done

Get to work on the second content area.

# Implementation Supports: 3-8 ELA & Math



New York State

Testing Program

**ELA** 

**Common Core Sample Questions** 



New York State Testing Program

Mathematics
Common Core Sample Questions

Grade 6

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/asses sment/common-core-samplequestions/

NYSED provided **Common Core sample questions** in Grades 3-8 ELA and math.

Educators can use these teaching tools to:

- Better understand the shifts needed in classroom instruction;
- •Better understand how student knowledge and skills will be assessed beginning in 2012-13.

#### New York State Assessment Transition Plan: ELA and Mathematics

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# **Assessment Design Cycle**



# Assessments: Setting Performance Standards

# Goal: Rigorous Performance Standards informed by Educator Judgment and Empirical Data

Content Advisory Panels

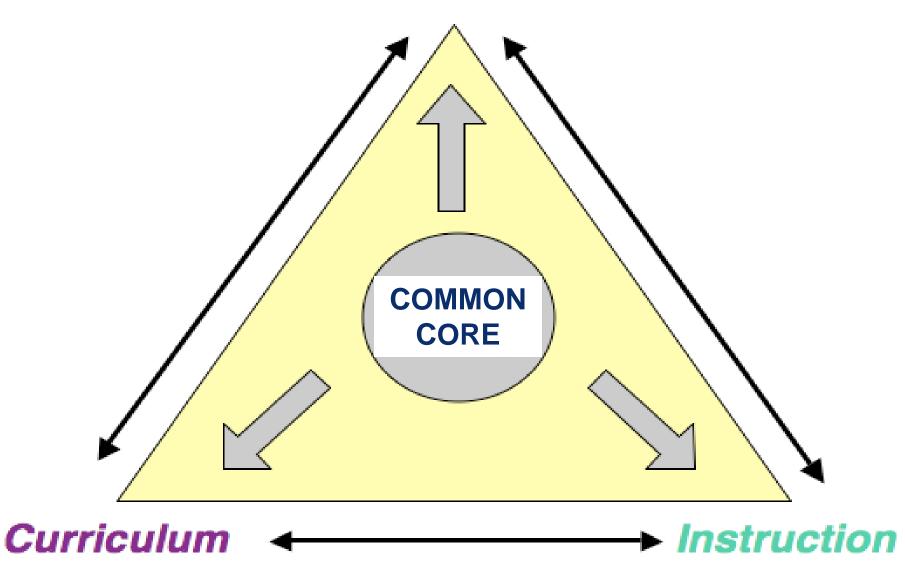
Technical Advisory Panel

Performance
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Panels



# **GOAL:** Transparency and Coherence

# **Assessment**



# Shifts in Assessments

#### Six Shifts in ELA Assessments

Shift 1: Balancing Informational & Literary Texts	Passages will be authentic, and will be balanced between informational and literary texts.
Shift 2: Knowledge in the Disciplines	Assessments will contain knowledge-based questions about the informational text; students will not need outside knowledge to respond.
Shift 3: Staircase of Complexity	Passage selection will be based on text complexity that is appropriate to grade level per Common Core.
Shift 4: Text-Based Answers Shift 5: Writing from Sources	Questions will require students to marshal evidence from the text, including paired passages.
Shift 6: Academic Vocabulary	Students will be tested directly on the meaning of pivotal, common terms, the definition of which can be discerned from the text.  Academic vocabulary will also be tested indirectly through general comprehension of the text.

# Shifts in Assessments

#### Six Shifts in Mathematics Assessments

Shift 1: Focus	Priority standards will be the focus of assessments. Other standards will be deemphasized.
Shift 2: Coherence	Assessments will reflect the progression of content and concepts as depicted in the standards across grade levels.
Shift 3: Fluency	It will be assumed that students possess the required fluencies as articulated through grade 8; as such, students will be allowed use to use four-function or scientific calculators in grade 6 and scientific calculators in grades 7-8.
Shift 4: Deep Understanding	Each standard will be assessed from multiple perspectives, while not veering from the primary target of measurement for the standard.
Shift 5: Application Shift 6: Dual Intensity	Students will be expected to know grade-level mathematical content with fluency and to know which mathematical concepts to employ to solve real-world mathematics problems.

# So what now what

What are the instructional therefores?

### What is the Work?

# Implementing the Common Core

#### Instructional Shifts Demanded by the Core

# 6 Shifts in ELA/Literacy

**Balancing Informational and Literary Text** 

**Building Knowledge in the Disciplines Staircase of Complexity Text-based Answers** 

Writing from Sources Academic Vocabulary

#### 6 Shifts in Mathematics

Focus

Coherence

Fluency

Deep Understanding

Applications

**Dual Intensity** 

# **ELA/Literacy Shift 4: Text Based Answers**

What the Student Does	What the Teacher Does
•find evidence to support their argument	•Facilitate evidence based conversations about text
•Form own judgments and become scholars	•Plan and conduct rich conversations
•Conducting reading as a close reading of the text	•Keep students in the text
• engage with the author and his/her choices	•Identify questions that are text-dependent, worth asking/exploring, deliver richly
	•Spend much more time preparing for instruction by reading deeply.

#### Principal's Role:

Support and demand that teachers work through and tolerate student frustration with complex texts and learn to chunk and scaffold that text

Provide planning time for teachers to engage with the text to prepare and identify appropriate text-dependent questions.

Hold teachers accountable for fostering evidence based conversations about texts with and amongst students.

# **ELA/Literacy Shift 5: Writing from Sources**

What the Student Does	What the Teacher Does
•generate informational texts	•Spending much less time on <b>personal narratives</b>
•Make arguments using evidence	•Present opportunities to write from multiple sources
•Organize for persuasion	•Give opportunities to analyze, synthesize ideas.
•Compare multiple sources	•Develop students' voice so that they can <b>argue a point with evidence</b>
	•Give permission to reach and articulate their own conclusions about what they read

#### Principal's Role:

Support, enable, and demand that teachers spend more time with students writing about the texts they read – building strong arguments using evidence from the text.

# Mathematics Shift 1: Focus

What the Student Does	What the Teacher Does
•Spend more time on fewer concepts.	•excise content from the curriculum
	<ul><li>Focus instructional time on priority concepts</li></ul>
	•Give students the <b>gift of time</b>

#### Principal's Role:

Work with groups of math teachers to determine what content to prioritize most deeply and what content can be removed (or decrease attention).

Give teachers permission and hold teachers accountable for focusing on the priority standards immediately

Ensure that teachers have enough time, with a focused body of material, to build their own depth of knowledge

# Major Areas of Work: P-2

Grade	Major Areas of Work
K	Counting and Cardinality  •Know number names and count sequence •Count to tell the number of objects. •Compare numbers.  Operations and Algebraic Thinking  •Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.  Number and Operations in Base Ten •Work with numbers 11-19 to grain foundations for place value.
1	Operations and Algebraic Thinking  •Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.  •Understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction.  •Add and subtract within 20.  •Work with addition and subtraction equations.  Number and Operations in Base Ten  •Extend the counting sequence.  •Understand place value.  •Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.  Measurement and Data  •Measure lengths indirectly by iterating length units.
2	Operations and Algebraic Thinking  •Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.  •Add and subtract within 20.  •Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication.  Number and Operations in Base Ten  •Understand place value.  •Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.  Measurement and Data  •Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.  •Relate addition and subtraction to length.

# Major Areas of Work: 3-5

Grade	Major Areas of Work
3	Operations and Algebraic Thinking  •Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division.  •Understand the properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division.  •Multiply and divide within 100.  •Solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic.  Number and Operations - Fractions  •Develop understanding of fractions as numbers.  Measurement and Data  •Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects.  •Geometric measurement: understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and to addition.
4	Operations and Algebraic Thinking  •Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.  Number and Operations in Base Ten  •Generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers.  •Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.  Number and Operations - Fractions  •Extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering.  •Build fractions from unit fractions by applying and extending previous understandings of operations on whole numbers.  •Understand decimal notation for fractions, and compare decimal fractions.
5	Number and Operations in Base Ten  •Understand the place value system.  •Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to hundredths.  Number and Operations - Fractions  •Use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions.  •Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions.  Measurement and Data  •Geometric measurement: understand concepts of volume and relate volume to multiplication and to addition.

# Major Areas of Work: 6-8

Grade	Major Areas of Work
6	Ratios and Proportional Relationships  •Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.  The Number System  •Apply and extend previous understandings of numbers to the system of rational numbers.  •Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions.  Expressions and Equations  •Apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.  •Reason about and solve one variable equations and inequalities.  •Represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.
7	Ratios and Proportional Relationships  •Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems.  The Number System  •Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.  Expressions and Equations  •Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions.  •Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.
8	Expressions and Equations  •Work with radicals and integer exponents.  •Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations.  •Analyze and solve linear equations and pairs of simultaneous linear equations.  Functions  •Define, evaluate, and compare functions.  Geometry  •Understand and apply the Pythagorean theorem.  •Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software.

# Sample Grade 5

Grade 5

Major	A 11	
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Number and Operations in Base Ten  Understand the place value system.  Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to hundredths.  Number and Operations — Fractions  Use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions.  Apply and extend previous	Measurement and Data  Represent and interpret data. 5  Convert like measurement units within a given measurement system. 6	Additional Operations and Algebraic Thinking  Write and interpret numerical expressions.  Analyze patterns and relationships.  Geometry  Graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems.  Classify two-dimensional figures into categories based on their properties.

Depth Opportunities:

NBT 1, 6; NF 2, 4; MD 5

# Mathematics Shift 4: Deep Understanding

What the Student Does	What the Teacher Does
•Show mastery of material at a deep level	•Create opportunities for students to understand the "answer" from a variety
•Articulate mathematical reasoning	of access points
•demonstrate deep conceptual understanding of <b>priority concepts</b>	•Ensure that <b>EVERY student GETS IT</b> before moving on
	•Get smarter in concepts being taught

#### Principal's Role:

Allow teachers to spend time developing their own content knowledge

Provide meaningful professional development on what student mastery and proficiency really should look like at every grade level by analyzing exemplary student work

# Let's get started... Capturing the Shifts on Video

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# CCSS & APPR

- What, in your Rubric, is observable?
- What role are the SHIFTS playing in your observations and feedback conversations?
- What role are the SHIFTS playing in your conversations with your peers?
- Where are YOU in your DEVELOPMENT around implementation of the SHIFTS?

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#### **EVIDENT IN EACH LESSON**

# 1. A high quality text or texts is at the center of the lesson.

A. The majority of class time is spent reading, writing or speaking directly about a text.	Yes	No	Notes:
B. The text is at or above the complexity level expected for the grade and point in the school year.	Yes	No	
C. The text exhibits exceptional craft and thought and/or provides useful information.	Yes	No	
<ul> <li>D. Every student is given extensive opportunity to work with the grade-level text.</li> </ul>	Evident	Not Fully Evident	
All of the above are true or evident:	Yes	No	

#### 2. Questions and tasks are text dependent and text specific.

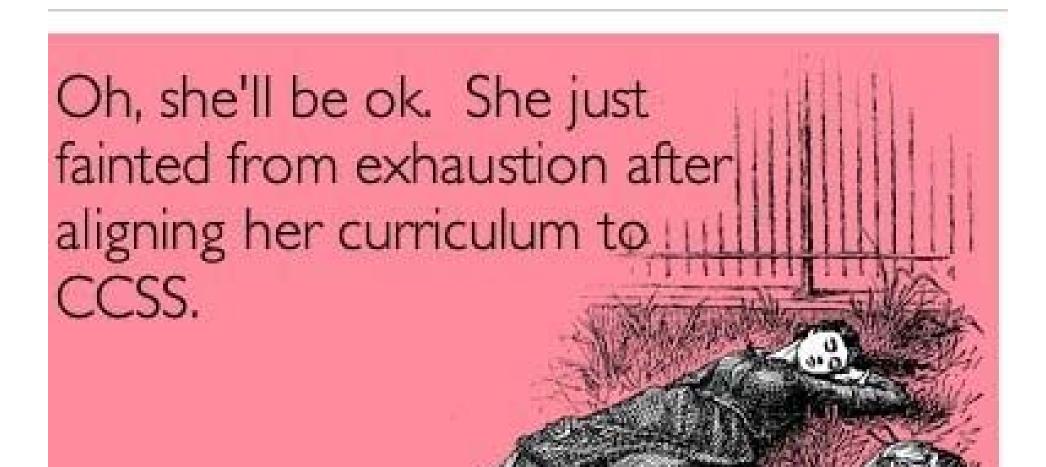
A. Questions and tasks address the specific text being read by attending to its particular dimensions, concepts, ideas, and details.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	Notes:
B. Questions and tasks attend to the academic language (i.e., vocabulary and syntax) in the text.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	
C. Questions and tasks require students to draw evidence from the text to support their responses.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	

#### 1. Materials and instruction support the focus and coherence of the Standards.

A. All of the mathematical topics in the lesson are explicitly found in the Standards for Mathematical Content (and, more often than not, are in the major work of the grade).	Yes	No	Notes:
B. All students are given extensive opportunity to work with grade-level problems and exercises.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	
C. The lesson relates new concepts explicitly to students' prior knowledge and skills.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	
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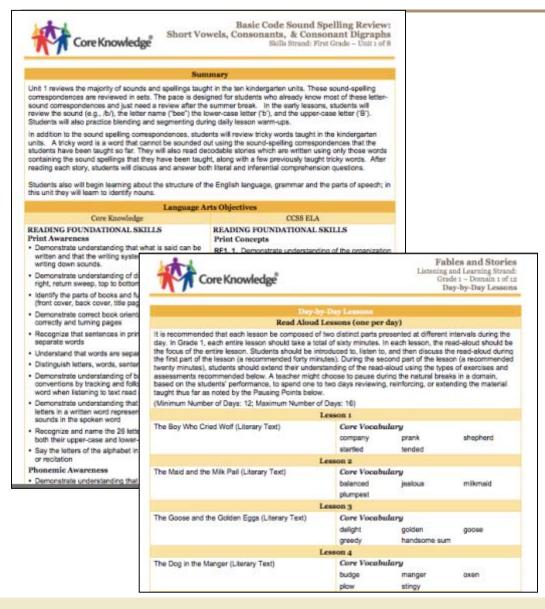
#### 2. All students grow in their capacity for the three aspects of rigor in mathematics.

A.	Conceptual understanding: Students develop their conceptual understanding of key mathematical concepts, where called for in specific content standards or cluster headings.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	Notes:
В.	Procedural skills & fluency: Students learn or practice procedures required by the Standards, and/or work toward fluency in arithmetic.	Evident	Not Fully Evident	





# Curriculum Modules: P-2 ELA



# NYSED is partnering with Core Knowledge

#### Phased implementation:

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- Ongoing professional development with educators

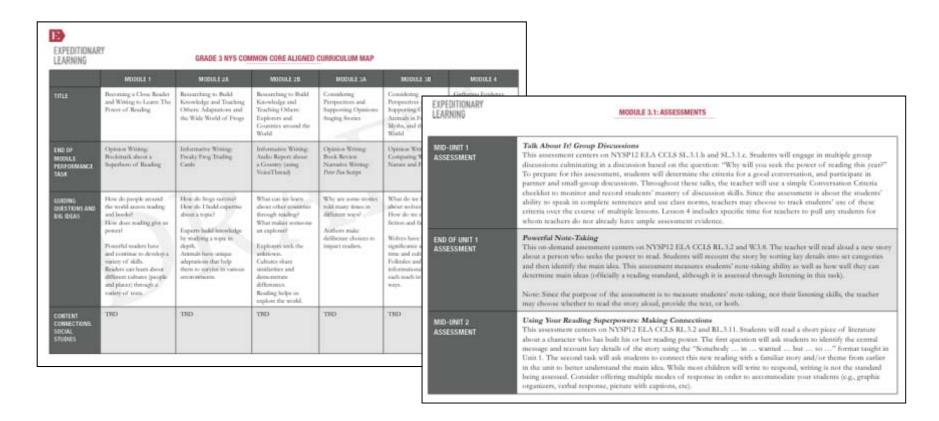
#### Year 2

- •Student skills development modules
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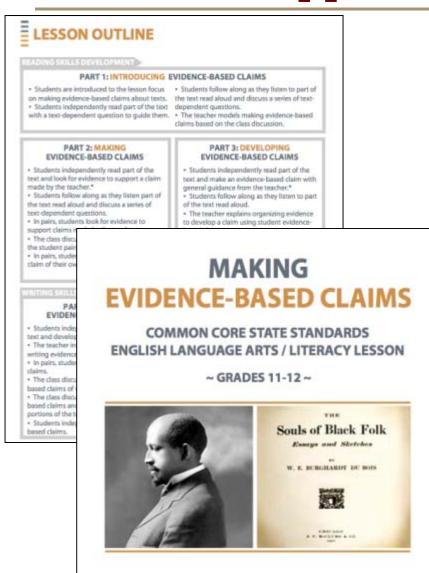
# Curriculum Modules 3-12 ELA

NYSED is partnering with **Expeditionary Learning** to develop comprehensive materials in Grades 3-5 that progress across the school year and across the grades.

NYSED is partnering with **Public Consulting Group** to develop comprehensive materials in Grades 6-12 that are aligned with those in Grades 3-5.



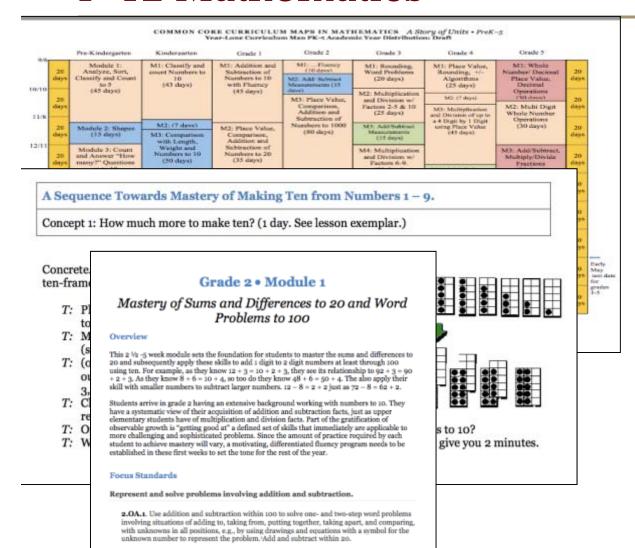
# Curricular Support: 6-12 ELA



NYSED has published a **series** of exemplary units for use in secondary English language arts classrooms.

These units **model** at each grade level: text selection, increasing complexity, supports for evidence-based conversations, and rigorous writing.

# P-12 Mathematics



2.OA.2. Fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies.2 By end of Grade 2,

know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers.

NYSED is partnering with **Common Core, Inc** to develop high quality, rigorous, and aligned materials in P-12 mathematics that progress across the school year and across the grades.

# Tri-State Rubrics - Math & ELA/ Literacy

which evaluate the directed inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and/or reflection.  Integrates targeted instruction in such areas as grammar and conventions, writing strategies, fluency, and all aspects of foundational reading for grades 3-5.  Relance of Writing: Includes a balance of on-demand.  Relance of Writing: Includes a balance of on-demand.  The provides for authentic learning, application of literacy skills, student-directed inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and/or reflection.  Integrates targeted instruction in such areas as grammar and conventions, writing strategies, fluency, and all aspects of foundational reading for grades 3-5.  Uses varied modes of assessment, including a sassessment, including a sassessment.	I. Alignment to the Rigors of the CCSS	II. Key Areas of Focus in the CCSS	III. Instructional Supports	IV. Assessment
and process writing (e.g. multiple drafts and revisions over time) and short, focused research projects.	CCSS:  Focuses teaching and learning on a targeted set of grade-level CCS ELA/Literacy standards.**  Makes close reading of text(s) a central focus of instruction and includes sequences of text-	☐ Text-Based Evidence: Facilitates rich and rigorous evidence-based discussions and writing through specific, thought-provoking questions about common texts (including, when applicable, illustrations, charts, diagrams, audio/video, and media).**	<ul> <li>Cultivates student interest and engagement in reading, writing, and speaking about texts.**</li> <li>Provides all students with multiple opportunities to engagement in reading, writing, and speaking about texts.**</li> <li>Provides all students with multiple opportunities to engagement in reading, writing, and speaking about texts.**</li> </ul>	assessee ats are
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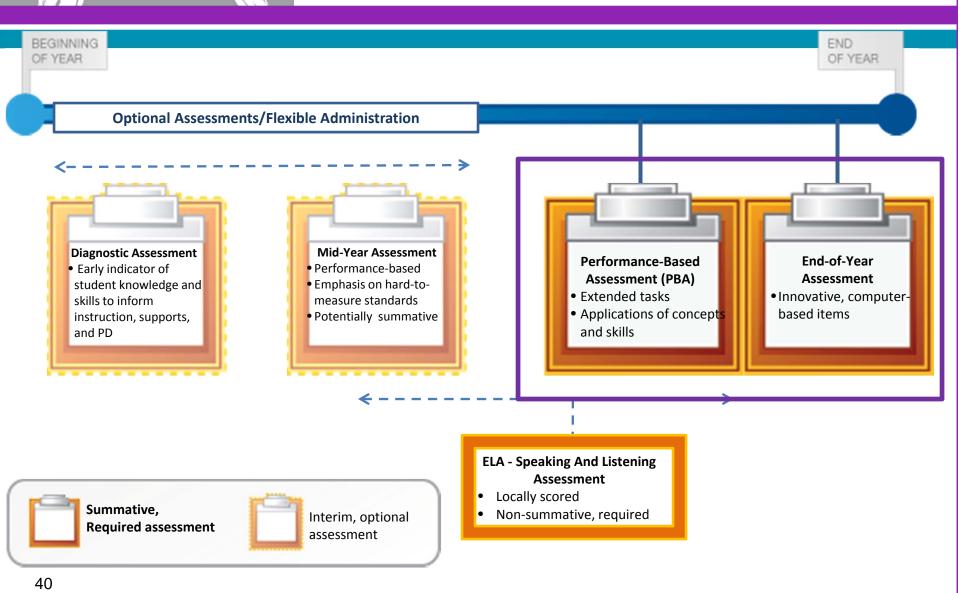
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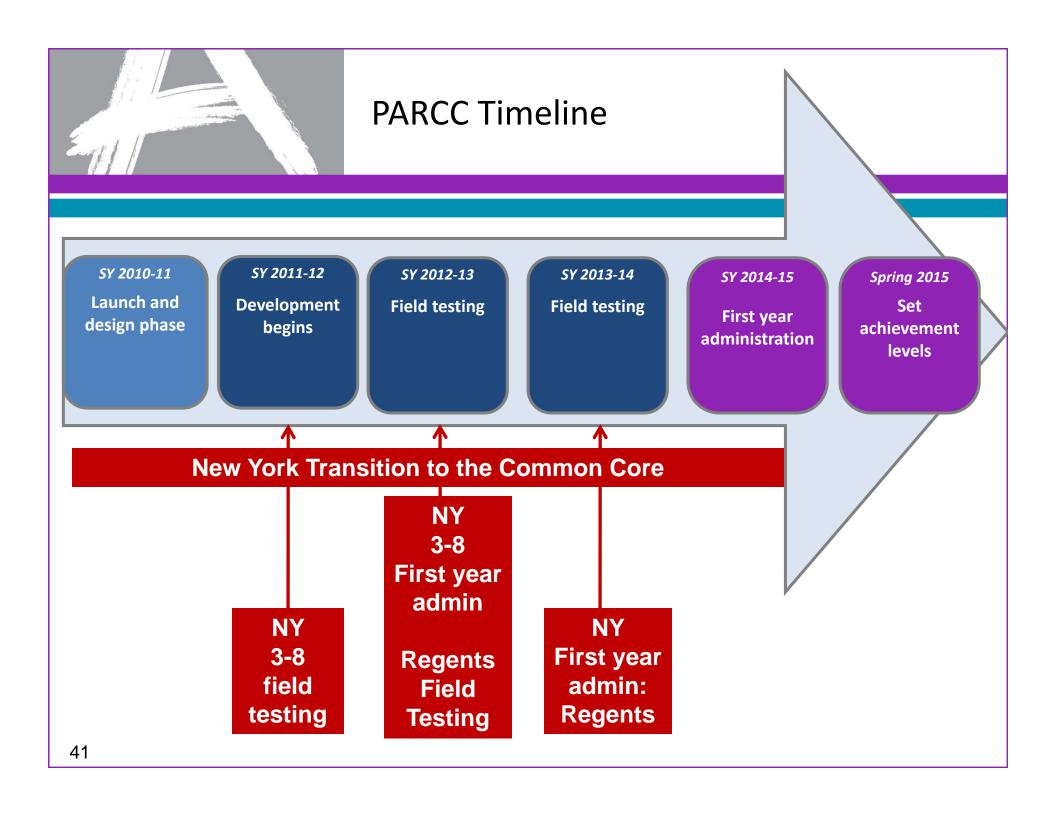
- Are you adopting, adapting, or ignoring the modules?
- If you are ignoring, how are you insuring quality, rigor, and alignment?



# **PARCC** Assessment Design

**English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics** 





# PARCC Resources

#### www.parcconline.org

- Sample questions
- Model content frameworks
- College and career readiness determination
- Performance level descriptions
- Updates on tech readiness

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# **Common Core Regents**

Spring 2014:

English

Algebra I

Geometry

Spring 2015: Algebra II

