



# A Special way of looking at Common Core Standards for Students with Disabilities

A Newsletter for Special Education Teachers Addressing Common Core Challenges  
Educational Equity For All

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## Science Supports and Strategies



### Environmental Education Curriculum

Check out the first four units—[Kindergarten](#), [Grade 1](#), [Grade 2](#), and [Grade 3](#)—by clicking on a cover to the right. Whether you are a classroom teacher, an administrator, or a homeschooler, you can register to gain free access to all of the Think Earth materials.

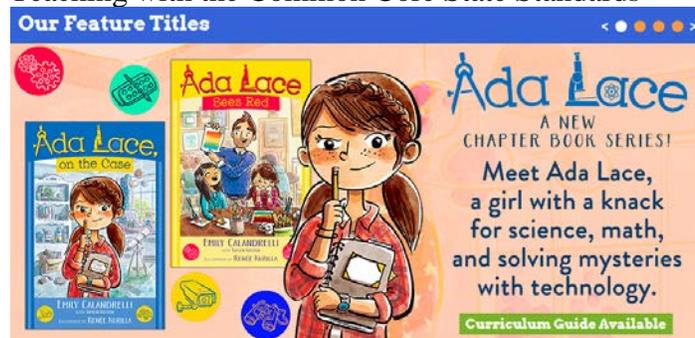
The units below will be available as follows:

Grades 4 and 5 - Fall of 2017

Grades 6-7 - 2018

<https://goo.gl/thBTSw>

Welcome  
to Simon & Schuster's site dedicated to  
Teaching with the Common Core State Standards



NONFICTION DIGITAL CATALOG

STEM/STEAM DIGITAL CATALOG

S&S COMMON CORE TEXT EXEMPLARS

CURRICULUM GUIDES HELPFUL DOWNLOADS

<http://simonandschusterpublishing.com/commoncore/>

## Math Supports and Strategies



### Resources

Looking for a fun way to explore a math concept in the classroom or provide a family engagement event at your school? Or maybe just a great way to keep math front and center all summer long?

**Activity Bank** - Search our archive of math activities by subject, grade level, common core standard, and more to find just the right activity! All of our activities were created by our experienced programs staff to teach math concepts in engaging and memorable ways. Visit the [Toolbox](#) to explore the collection!

**Resources for Schools** - Everything you need to host your own Math Club, Family Math Night, or Monthly Math Challenge! All found in our [Resource Library](#).  
<http://zenomath.org/programs/>

## English Supports and Strategies



Every unit plan for sale at [ELACoreLessonPlans.com](http://ELACoreLessonPlans.com) is teacher ready and student ready. That is, all you have to do is download the pdf file, print out what you need, make copies, apply your unique skills in the classroom, and accept accolades from students, colleagues, and administrators.

<http://www.elacommoncorelessonplans.com/>

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## Universal Design for Learning

### 4 Steps to Implement Universal Design for Learning in the Classroom

UDL provides multiple paths to student success.

To find success with UDL, educators can follow four steps:

1. Start Small and Set Achievable Student Goals  
Implementing UDL takes time. It's essentially a full-blown overhaul of how the school functions, so it's important to start small and build up from there.

2. Create a Flexible Classroom with Furniture and Digital Tools

A dream UDL classroom would be architecturally designed with every type of student in mind, with things such as automatic doors, adjustable furniture, accessibility features on computers and other classroom technology.

3. Choose Technologies, Materials and Methods Thoughtfully

UDL requires the use of more materials and methods than usual, but technology makes it easy to access them.

4. Give Lots of Feedback to Establish Deeper Learning  
In the UDL framework, teachers are constantly giving feedback.

<https://goo.gl/bNTFoc>

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

### COMMON CORE: Paths to 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Success

**INVESTIGATIVE EXPLORERS**  
Developing research skills and using technology to find solutions.

**INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVERS**  
Investigating real-world problems and finding creative ways to solve them.

**CREATIVE COMMUNICATORS**  
Exploring different points of view and using evidence to support and express ideas.

**CRITICAL THINKERS**  
Analyzing complex topics and learning academic vocabulary to navigate different subjects.

**21<sup>ST</sup>-CENTURY COLLEGE AND CAREER SKILLS**  
Colleges and employers are seeking people to solve the problems of tomorrow. Here are **3 TOP SKILLS** students will need for college and career success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**ADAPTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING**  
Versatile individuals who approach problems in creative ways.

**COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION**  
Global thinkers who express themselves effectively and work with people all over the world.

**DIGITAL FLUENCY**  
Tech-savvy workers who use technical and digital media skills in their everyday work.

**VERSATILE READERS**  
Learning about the world with challenging fiction and nonfiction texts.

**RESOURCEFUL LEARNERS**  
Building a strong foundation of skills and expanding on those abilities every year.

www.teachingquality.org/coresuccess

<https://goo.gl/M7dQtz>

## Individual Educational Plan Connections



When aligning IEP goals to academic standards, the goal should address the skills required by the student to access the content of that standard. IEP goals should not simply restate the standards but rather give the student a functional way to participate in grade-level content.

<https://www.edulync.com/how-cfa-works/quality-iep-goals-and-common-core-standards>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://betterlesson.com/>

<https://www.commoncurriculum.com/>

<https://www.common sense.org/education/publisher/opened>

## Professional Development



Common Core State Standards Courses

Our self-paced video courses on Common Core State Standards offer a convenient and effective way to integrate Common Core in your classroom. From language and literature to algebra and geometry, our lessons can help you supplement your lessons and make sure they meet Common Core standards. <https://goo.gl/P9fh1Z>

Easily Master Any Subject

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Create an Account



Helps students become better learners, with privileges that empower them to succeed.

Teaches positive collaboration and makes classroom management easier.

Gamifies your existing curriculum and turns learning into an adventure! <https://goo.gl/VWVF8p>

## RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO

