



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities
Educational Equity For All

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Common Core News



Spotlight on the Common Core State Standards—What Do Parents Need To Know?



WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?
What are the Common Core State Standards?
The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a collection of progressions of learning objectives in English language arts and mathematics designed for students in grades K-12. The CCSS are intended to be a set of standards that all states would use to guide their education systems. The standards are designed to be clear and consistent, so that all students, regardless of where they live, have the same high expectations for their education.

The Common Core State Standards
• Are aligned with college and career readiness goals.
• Are clear, understandable, and consistent.
• Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills.
• Build on strengths and build on what we know.
• Are designed to allow for performance excellence, to be of use to all students, and to be focused on preparing students for college and career.

What are the benefits for parents of Common Core Standards?
• A common set of standards across all states will be focused on preparing students for college and career.
• Are evidence-based.
Source: <http://www.commoncore.org/about-the-standards/>



What do parents need to know about the Common Core State Standards? How will they affect teaching and assessing mathematics and English language arts? What are the benefits and what can parents do to prepare for the CCSS? These and other questions are answered

in the March 2011 *Spotlight on the Common Core State Standards*—a series published by Education Northwest to keep regional stakeholders informed about this important initiative.

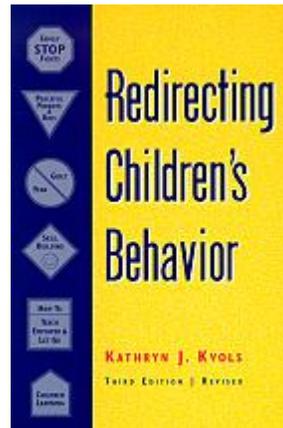
<http://educationnorthwest.org/resource/spotlight-common-core-state-standards-what-do-parents-need-know>



This “handbook” offers resources for parents at every stage of the journey of caring for their special needs children. From learning more about special needs to picking a school, planning a financial future, and getting past the bullying and discrimination that so often plague people with special needs.

<http://phdinspecialeducation.com/special-needs-parenting-handbook/>

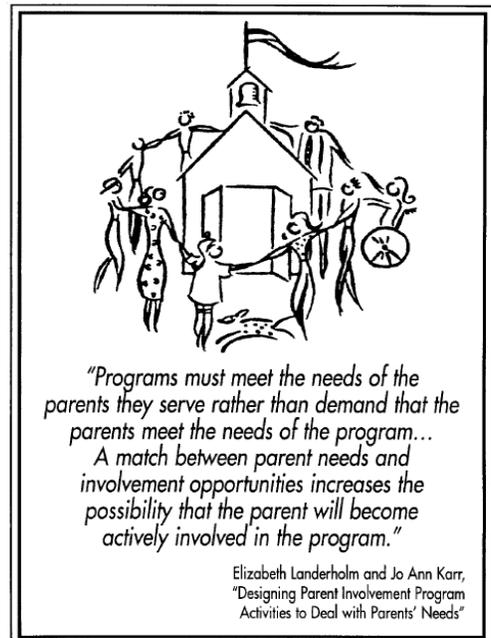
Tip--You can prevent many a battle by thinking in advance and talking with your children about your expectations for their behavior ahead of time. *by Shari Steelsmith*



Tools--The following techniques for avoiding battles are drawn from Kathryn Kvols' book, *Redirecting Children's Behavior*.

- **Slow down.**
- **State your expectations ahead of time.**
- **Give notice of time.**

https://www.parentingpress.com/t_991002.html



Feature Idea of Month



GREEPER LACES

For a video on how they work visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXvN0UY9i8I>

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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

http://www.wishcharter.org/media/79563/common_core_standard_s_parent_handbook.pdf

<http://www.specialconnections.ku.edu/~kucl/cgi-bin/drupal/?q=node/221>

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



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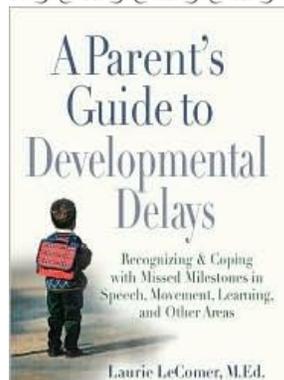
TALK ABOUT CURING AUTISM

www.tacanow.org

The Back-to-School Assignment for Parents of Special Needs Kids

<https://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/the-back-to-school-assignment-for-parents-of-special-needs-kids/>

1. Read the IEP.
2. Photocopy the IEP document and go over it with a highlighter.
3. Be sure that you understand how your child's progress is being measured.
4. Schedule a meeting with your child's teacher to review your child's IEP.
5. If your child has challenging behaviors, he should have a behavior plan. Now is the time to also meet with the principal and/or vice principal to discuss discipline (especially if your child is at a new school).
6. If your child is receiving services from an outside agency or vendor, be sure to confirm that a master contract has been signed with the district to avoid any gap in services.
7. Districts are legally obligated to provide transportation if the child's unique needs require it (*i.e.*, child cannot safely and effectively walk to school) and/or the child's IEP places him in a school that is not his neighborhood school.
8. If you didn't accept the district's last IEP offer, the district is legally required to implement the last agreed-upon IEP in the new school year while allowing the child to advance to the next grade.
9. Sign up to volunteer at your child's school (this may involve a background check and/or fingerprinting) even if it means taking off time from work.
10. Keep up the good work and learn more about your child's right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).



A Parent's Guide to Developmental Delays: Recognizing and Coping with Missed Milestones in Speech, Movement, Learning, and Other Areas

Parent Tips: Help Your Child Have a Good School Year

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/33152/>

Note: There are three versions of this article, written at different reading levels (basic, intermediate, and advanced). All three versions are included in the PDF version.

As a parent, there are many things you can do at home to help your child have a good school year. These include making sure your child gets enough sleep, getting him to school on time, and reading at home every day.



Download as PDF

- [English version](#)
- [Spanish version](#)

PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Clark County School District Guidance and Counseling Department provides the publication *Parents Make a Difference*, a monthly parent newsletter. Please check each month for practical parenting tips.

<https://ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling/parents-make-a-difference-monthly-newsletter>

Parents Still Make a Difference

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
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English and Spanish available.

The TOP 10 best TED Talks For Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities

<http://www.outrageousfortune.net/2013/07/Ten-Best-TED-Talks.html>