

**FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Funded and developed at the request of two Washington, D.C. based trade organizations.
2. **Developed in closed meetings without public debate, by committees. State legislators had no vote on the standards.**
3. The majority of American people know nothing about the program and did not have the opportunity to render an opinion.
4. CCS is a set of K-12 standards with the goal of forming academic standards in common to be used across ALL states.
5. State Governors and State Boards of Education signed on to CCS before even seeing the standards. They were pressured to do so and “bribed” by promises of federal grants by the Obama Administration.
6. Parents, teachers, taxpayers and legislators were not consulted regarding CC.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST CCS:**

1. Local control of education is severely limited by the CCS. Federal Regulations assure that 85% of academic standards in reading and math will strictly adhere to CCS leaving only 15% flexibility.
2. CCS are not evidenced-based.
3. CC delays the teaching of Algebra from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be nearly impossible for graduating seniors to complete Calculus which is required for admission to many four year universities.
4. CC Language Arts lowers the standards to only 50% classical literature from 80%. Classical literature is the **foundation of our nation**.
5. It is estimated that it will cost \$12 to \$16 billion to implement CCS and testing. These are not one time costs; these are annual expenses.
6. Public access to personal information of students nationwide.
7. Minority profiling and limited choices.
8. National and International standards identical. One-size-fits-all, top-down curriculum that will also affect private schools and home schooled children.
9. Common Core text books and materials.

**MAJOR FIGURES AND GROUPS ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMON CORE:**

Eagle Forum  
Concerned Women for America  
Home School Legal Defense Association  
Freedom Works  
American Association of Christian Schools  
Heritage Foundation  
Cato Institute  
Campaign for Liberty  
Wallbuilders  
Heartland Institute  
David Barton, Glen Beck, Michelle Malkin, Phyllis Schlafly, and Ed Meese  
American Values  
Pioneer Institute  
Pacific Research Institute  
Goldwater Institute  
Washington Policy Center