



The Montana Common Core Standards

What are the Montana Common Core Standards?

- **State-led and student-focused standards**—to date, 46 states have adopted the Common Core State Standards in English and math. This makes learning consistent for all students as they move from school to school or state to state.
- **Align college and workplace expectations**, shifting the focus from simply completing high school to graduating from high school being ready for college and careers
- Montana is the only state to integrate learning about the **distinct and unique heritage and contributions of American Indians** per our unique state constitution's obligation to Indian Education for All
- **Gives power and discretion to local educators** to determine how to teach and implement the standards in their schools and classrooms

Why did Montana adopt the Common Core?

- **They are stronger, clearer and higher** than Montana's previous K-12 academic standards in English/Language Arts and math, providing a clear roadmap of academic expectations so that students, parents, and teachers can work together toward shared goals
- To ensure every Montana student graduates from high school **prepared for college or the workforce** because the jobs of today and tomorrow will require postsecondary education and training
- Having common standards across the nation provides opportunities for **sharing of resources**
- Will provide **an accurate comparison** between the academic success of Montana's students and that of students from other states and countries

