

Implementing the Common Core Standards in Kentucky



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The Strategic Agenda – Areas of Focus

**COLLEGE
READINESS**

**STUDENT
SUCCESS**

**RESEARCH,
ECONOMIC, &
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

**EFFICIENCY
&
INNOVATION**

What We Needed To Accomplish

A collaboratively designed plan:

- Agreement on “readiness”
- Standards alignment
- Assessment and readiness
- Strengthening the college-going culture
- Professional development

Commonwealth Commitment

In early 2010, The Commonwealth Commitment for College and Career Readiness was signed by the Presidents of our colleges and universities. This initiative expands the efforts to build stronger linkages between P-12 schools and postsecondary education, improve student transitions from high school to college, support an ongoing model of collaboration, and lead the postsecondary system in the successful implementation of Kentucky's Unified Strategy for College and Career Readiness.

Standards Alignment

**Internationally benchmarked,
agreed upon standards**



**College readiness
requirements/expectations**



**Career readiness
requirements/expectations**



Assessment and Readiness

The alignment of placement exams and assessments across public postsecondary institutions.

- **A framework of indicators**
- **Free online placement assessments**
- **Assessment Academies**



Strengthening the College Completion Culture

- Accelerated Learning Opportunities
- College Persistence and Degree Completion Services
- GEAR UP Kentucky
- Transitional Programs
- An Advising Toolkit



Postsecondary Professional Development

- An informational website
- Five online modules
- Seven regional workshops
- Two online webinars
- Institutional Grants
- A National Forum



How the Appropriation was Used



Built capacity at CPE to create web-based training materials

Train-the-trainer model for campus-based professional development

Grants to campuses to develop understanding of common core standards and impact on curriculum

Competitive grants for 3 regional academies to work with teachers to implement common core standards

Competitive grants for ongoing, sustained PD for college faculty

Grant to evaluate PD efforts

Kentucky's College Readiness Efforts

“Over the short period of approximately two years, Kentucky has taken college and career readiness from an idea to a statewide education reform initiative. Kentucky has made dramatic progress in implementing a college-readiness agenda...From the revision of content standards to assessments, accountability, curriculum and teacher (educator) development, Kentucky has led the region – and possibly the nation – in embracing and achieving dramatic results in increasing college and career readiness.”

State College and Career Readiness Initiative: Final Progress Reports (SREB, 2011)

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