



Common Core at Acalanes High School

A shift in what and how we teach?

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Why Common Core?

- The Big Picture
 - Trends in College Demands
 - Trends in Workplace Demands
 - Trends in International Benchmarking



What is Common Core

- VIDEO



Shift to Common Core

- Content Standards vs. Common Core Standards
- Problems with Content Standards
 - Too much content
 - Too many standards
 - Too little curriculum
 - State to State variance



Common Core State Standards Initiative

- The new standards should be:
 - ...fewer, clearer and higher than previous standards
 - ...based on research about what students need to be ready for college and/or careers after high school
 - ...internationally benchmarked (comparable to standards from high-performing countries all over the world)



Organization of Common Core Standards

- Mathematics Standards
- English Standards
- Literacy Standards



Common Core Practice Standards

- Teaching the Common Core
 - Mental processes used to apply the content standards in a meaningful way
 - Thinking and reasoning skills
 - Habits of the mind
 - Learning and and innovations skills
 - Workplace demands
 - Dimensions of learning
 - Dimensions of thinking



Next Generation Assessments

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
- Assessment changes
 - Moving away from multiple choice exams and shifting to:
 - Selected response
 - Constructed response
 - Performance Task
 - Technology Advanced



What does Common Core look like at AHS?

- Staff Development
- Professional Training
- Curriculum Changes



Sessions

- Close Reading (Room 107)
- Future of Assessments (Library)
- Common Core in the Math Class (206)
- Question and Answer (Library)