

STOP

The Federal Takeover of Education
Invite other groups and individuals
to join the coalition by sharing this
brochure.

Contact your state legislators and tell
them to REPEAL Common Core State
Standards.

Contact your representatives in Wash-
ington. Tell them you want local con-
trol with no further federal intrusion
into education in Illinois.

Adopting the CCSS will take
away control of educational standards
from parents, taxpayers, local school
districts and states.

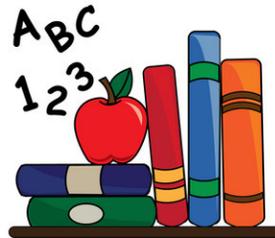
"It would be "foolish and irresponsible
to place our children's future in the
hands of unelected bureaucrats and
special interest groups thousands of
miles away in Washington, virtually
eliminating parents' participation in
their children's
education."

Gov. Rick Perry of Texas
(rejected the Common Core Standards)



The Growing List Of Common Core Opponents

- Illinois Tea Party
- Eagle Forum
- Corporate Collusion In Educa-
tion
- Illinois Christian Home Educa-
tors
- West Suburban Patriots
- Illinois Parental Rights
- Restore Our Constitution
- Americans Principle Project
- Truth In American Education
- Heritage Foundation
- Advocates For Academic Free-
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The Common
Core State
Standards,
which were
adopted by 45
states,
(CCSS) are a
set of learning
standards
in English
language arts
(ELA) and
mathematics which replace existing
state standards. CC science standards
are now on their way to local schools.
CC social studies standards are being
written now.



**The constitutionality of CCSS
is in question.**

Pioneer Institute Executive Director,
Jim Stergios says: "...the U.S
Department of Education is violating
three federal laws. And the fact is
that state and local officials who are
part of the national standards and as-
sessment efforts are compliant in the
breaking of these federal laws."
Common Core State Standards are a
one-size-fits-all effort.

Pacific Research Senior Education
Director, Lance Izumi, says:
"The uniformity in curriculum will sti-
fle innovation and prevent states from
competing with each other to have the
best and most solid curriculum."

FEDERAL TAKE-OVER OF EDUCATION



The Common Core State Standards are not "state-led." They are "special interest-ed."

The Common Core Standards (CC) were conceived, planned, and funded by private organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The subjects affected may contain ideology with which local school districts may not agree.

CC is owned, copyrighted, and governed by private trade associations, not by Illinois.

The federalized CC aligned student test will replace the Illinois State Assessment Test (ISAT.)

45 states signed on in order to compete for Stimulus funds (i.e., their taxpayers' money).

Citizens had little or no opportunity to study CC and the related assessments, yet to be developed.

Under the 10th Amendment of the Constitution, education is among the most important policy power not "delegated" to the United States.' It is to be "reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

Governor Pat Quinn and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) adopted the Common Core State Standards. The Illinois General Assembly had no part in this process whatsoever.

THREATS TO STUDENT/FAMILY PRIVACY

- CC is part of a broader federal effort to collect massive amounts of personal student and family data and share it with other government agencies.
- Illinois children aren't guinea pigs! Private data should remain private.

PRIVATE SCHOOL/HOME SCHOOL CONCERNS

- Any private school accepting a voucher must use the CC.
- If the CC proponents have their way, all standardized tests will align with CC, and private schools and home school families will have to teach to the test or risk their children being unfairly evaluated for college and scholarship opportunities.



• COMMON CORE WILL COST ILLINOIS TAXPAYERS AN ESTIMATED \$773 MILLION

over 7 years for textbooks, teacher training, and technology plus an increased cost for testing.

THE DUMBING DOWN OF ILLINOIS STUDENTS

- Under CC, "college readiness" means preparation for a non-selective two-year college, not a university.
- ELA expert Sandra Stotsky: The ELA standards "will lead to a lower level of literacy for all high school students..."
- CC math standards will put Illinois students two years behind their counterparts in high-performing countries.
- CC requires teaching geometry with an experimental method, never used successfully anywhere in the world.
- Under CC, students may graduate from high school reading at a 7th grade level.

The CC philosophy: Students should be trained as workers, not educated as human beings and citizen-leaders.

Evidence of this philosophy:

By 12th grade the study of creative literature will be reduced as much as 70%, in favor of studying informational text.

