



Getting to the Core



Common Core Shifts for ELA/Literacy

1. **Building knowledge** through **content-rich nonfiction**
2. Reading, writing and speaking grounded in **evidence from text**, both literary and informational
3. Regular practice with **complex text** and its **academic language**

Common Core Shifts for Mathematics

1. **Focus** strongly where the Standards focus
2. **Coherence: Think** across grades, and **link** to major topics within grades
3. **Rigor:** In major topics, pursue **conceptual understanding**, procedural skill and **fluency**, and **application**

Superior Standards

Supportive School Climate

Successful Students