

A dark blue, spiral-bound notebook cover with a silver metal spiral binding at the top. The cover has a fine, pebbled texture. Centered on the cover is the text "CCCS State of the Union 2014" in a white, sans-serif font.

CCCS
State of the Union
2014

The Power of Choice

- The time of year to celebrate choice
- You were not forced into the decision to send your child to CCCS
- Why is your child here?
- Why is CCCS here?

What is an Excellent Education?

- Innovative
- Hands-on
- "fun"
- Project Based
- Diverse (electives/field trips)
- Clear and high expectations
- Common core state standards-based

Common Core Shift

- ❑ 1.7 million students nationwide take remedial courses – at a cost of \$3 billion/year
- ❑ 70% of students who took 1 or more remedial reading classes did not get a college degree within 8 years
- ❑ 44% of students who took the ACT were not ready for college level reading
- ❑ Only 26% met the benchmarks for all 4 areas of the ACT: English, reading, science and math
- ❑ Only 42% of SAT-takers are prepared for college level work
- ❑ More than 75% of young people between the ages of 17 and 24 are not qualified to serve in the military
- ❑ 20% of recent high school graduates did not meet the minimum standard required for Army enlistment
- ❑ By 2018, 62% of U.S. jobs will require education beyond high school.

Common Core Shift

- There needs to be a shift from high school completion to college, career and life readiness for all students.
- The common core state standards:
 - Define the knowledge and skills students need for college and career
 - Are for all students, not just students seeking accelerated learning.
 - Promote “21st Century Literacy”
 - What is 21st Century Literacy?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax5cNlutAys>
 - Will be assessed utilizing the **Smarter Balanced Assessments**

Smarter Balanced Assessments

- More rigorous tests measuring student progress toward “college and career readiness”

*Have **common, comparable scores** across member states

*Provide **achievement and growth information** to help make better educational decisions and professional development opportunities

***Assess all students**, except those with “significant cognitive disabilities”

*Administer **online**, with timely results

*Use **multiple** measures

- The **standards** tell us **what students need to know and be able to do**, but the **assessments** let us know **the depth of learning** that the states are expecting students to achieve.

Increasing Literacy

□ *Achieve 3000*

- *TeenBiz*® is a differentiated online literacy solution for grades 6-8 that reaches every student at his or her individualized Lexile®/reading level. Importantly, *TeenBiz* closely aligns with the objectives of the Common Core State Standards to give students the content area literacy skills they need to succeed on the standards and prepare for college and career.
- <http://www.achieve3000.com>

Accountability

- check your child's grades (powerschool)
- Hold your child accountable
- good habits = good student
- be consistent

There are good things happening in Inglewood

- The new Forum*
- Urban revitalization*
- Great relationship with Mayor Butts*
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Bear PIT

Parent Involvement Team



- you are part of something special
- PIT Crew: small group of parents to assist parents who need extra support

For Your Information

- minimum day for student this Friday, BBP until 4:00*
- ERD next week BBP until 6:00*
- Semester 1 ends Monday, Feb. 3*
- Legacy Night, Thursday, Feb. 6. \$25 tile commitment*
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