

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION STEERING COMMITTEE (CISC)

CISC 2013 FINAL REPORT

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Core Purpose

Strengthen county office of education service and leadership capacity to improve and sustain academic achievement for all students, to prepare them with the capacities and skills required for 21st century citizenship, and to close the existing achievement gap.

Accomplishments

- ✧ Increased CISC membership, with 57 of 58 COEs currently participating in CISC.
- ✧ A concerted effort was underway in 2013 to involve as many of our CISC members as possible in some aspect of leadership. We had leadership positions including our Executive Committee, Subcommittee Leads or Co-Leads, Liaisons to various groups/entities, Regional Leads, mentors to new members, or Subcommittee Members for the region. We had 75% of our members involved in leading the work in one or more of these areas.
- ✧ Provided leadership for Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), assessment and accountability legislation, and Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP).
- ✧ Held five meetings during 2013:
 - ❖ January 24-25
 - ❖ March 22: videoconference with CISC members gathered by region
 - ❖ May 16*-17
 - ❖ September 19-20
 - ❖ November 14*-15

*Joint meetings with CDE in which each CISC member is invited to bring a guest
- ✧ The Executive Committee provided leadership and direction for CISC, through regular investments of time (16 times over the course of the year), focused on our six goal areas and responding to the needs of CCSESA and legislative proposals.
- ✧ Utilized eleven CISC Regional Leads to coordinate regional representatives and activities.
- ✧ Provided leadership for Common Core State Standards across the state, as documented in the SBE Presentation in July 2013 and in the products developed (which are summarized later in the report).
- ✧ Completed two surveys:
 - ❖ CCSS COE support and training offered to districts, schools, teachers, and administrators in 2012-13 school year and summer 2013 – data presented to SBE in July 2013.
 - ❖ CCSS Survey of Districts – Surveyed approximately 820 districts in the state (over 80% response rate) in regard to Common Core implementation – data and next steps presented to SBE in November 2013.
- ✧ Under the leadership of Gary Waddell (San Mateo) 2014 CISC meetings will be held at the Sacramento COE, using the same model of meetings as was used in 2013.

CISC Subcommittee Highlights

2013 Leadership Symposium: “Shifting Tides” [Symposium Planning Chair: Kitty Catania, Fresno]

- ✧ Participants rated the positive significance the Symposium had on their work and knowledge as a 3.34 on a scale of 1-4, with 4 being very significant
- ✧ Successfully moved the Symposium from Asilomar Conference Grounds to Monterey Conference Center
- ✧ Sold out at 900 participants, which added 150 more participants than previous venue, increasing revenue for the CCSESA and CISC budgets.

Accountability Subcommittee [Lead: Valerie Chrisman, Ventura; Co-Lead: Sue Stickel, Sacramento]

- ✧ Worked with CDE to understand and provide feedback about the Quality School Framework.
- ✧ Continued to work with CDE concerning the Foundational Work for RSDSS.
- ✧ Participated in some initial conversations about LCFF and LCAP.

Career Technical Education Subcommittee [Lead: Ronda Adams, Yolo; Co-Lead: Susan Hukkanen, Butte]

1. CDE Model Curriculum Standards (MCS) Professional Development Workgroup created four MCS PD Train the Trainer modules and conducted five trainings throughout the state for CDE. CCSESA CISC CTE subcommittee members served as an advisory to the MCS Professional Development Workgroup and several members participated on the workgroup to develop the CDE training materials.
2. Served as an advisory committee to the CDE Leadership Development Institute for the new cohort of leadership candidates.
3. Examined the Linked Learning Pilot Programs requirements and will be following implementation outcomes.
4. Completed final edits to the WASC CTE Crosswalk and submitted to WASC (awaiting WASC Board approval).
5. Maintained a dialogue regarding the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan and how they affect the transition of ROP/CTE to College and Career Readiness.
6. Developed recommendations and provided guidance on how COEs will support districts in the delivery and maintenance of high quality CTE.

History Subcommittee [Lead: Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano; Co-Lead: Pam Comfort, Contra Costa]

- ✧ Developed and disseminated a History-Social Science Survey to each county office of education related to their plans for supporting integration of the CCCSS with a focus on History-Social Science content and literacy.

Leadership Subcommittee [Lead: Susan Salcido, Santa Barbara; Co-Lead: Beth Higbee, San Bernardino]

- ✧ Invitation to work with CTC to contribute to changing CPSELS and to better inform our work with Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs
- ✧ Many new Tier 2 programs launched by county offices this year.
- ✧ Sharing documents and resources on leadership in the Common Core

Mathematics Subcommittee [Lead: Gary Waddell, San Mateo; Co-Lead: Paul Joens-Poulton, Mendocino]

- ✧ Facilitated of Regional Focus Groups on Mathematics Framework
- ✧ Co-sponsored the California Mathematics Network Forum (with WestEd and CDE)
- ✧ Supported Regional Dissemination of Learning Progressions Modules
- ✧ Built on Relationships with Partner Organizations and Department Staff
- ✧ Supported Regional Events and Work of the CA Mathematics Network
- ✧ Supported COE work around secondary mathematics pathways

Online Learning Collaborative [CISC Lead: Shirley Diaz, Glenn; CISC Co-Lead: Kathi Felder, Kings]

- ✧ Completed the revisions for the updated eLearning framework
- ✧ Presented at CISC
- ✧ Lead eLearning Symposium – Santa Cruz COE
- ✧ Organized the Tech Preconference – Leadership Symposium
- ✧ Great collaborative committee with outstanding members from CISC/TTSC

Regional Assessment Network [Lead: Beth Higbee, San Bernardino; Co-Lead: Elena Castro, Imperial]

- ✧ Carried ongoing information about SBAC and the surrounding testing issues, and administration issues, back to their regional and county networks.
- ✧ Provided feedback to CDE from the field in regard to SBAC.
- ✧ Used the CISC Rapid Response Model to complete a proposal for an Statewide Assessment System to CCSESA for potential inclusion in legislation or to provide alternatives or ideas to support recommendations to be made as 484 was being crafted and finally approved.

Reading Language Arts Subcommittee [Lead: Raynette Sanchez, Los Angeles; Co-Lead: Patti Thurman, Lassen]

- ✧ Identified attributes of effective CCSS Reading/Language Arts lessons and units
- ✧ Reviewed Reading/Language Arts content connections for new TK implementation modules, and provided feedback for revision/refinement

- ✧ Developing a process for coordinated study and review of draft ELA/ELD Framework.
- ✧ Established an Edmodo site for stranded discussion on these and other topics

School Readiness Subcommittee [Lead: Angelica Ramsey, Santa Clara; Co-Leads: Natalie Woods Andrews & Nancy Herota, Sacramento]

- ✧ Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Professional Development Modules: Design, Development and Dissemination
 - ❖ Completed and available for the following content areas
 - ❖ Modules will be officially unveiled at the November 5th Northern California TK Conference
 - ❖ TK modules will also be made publicly available via various websites, including but not limited to, CCSESA, Various COE partner websites, TK California
- ✧ TK Statewide Capacity Survey: Design, Data Collection and Analysis
 - ❖ Initial survey was conducted and data was aggregated a statewide, CCSESA region, and county levels.
 - ❖ Follow-up survey in development to obtain more information on “full implementation” COE’s to begin to develop an infrastructure of support among County Offices of Education
- ✧ TK Webcast for Administrators of 58 County Offices of Education – November 6, 2013
 - ❖ Organized a Webcast for COE administrators to share highlights of new resources to support the implementation of TK:
 - *Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide* and companion videos published by the California Department of Education
 - TK professional development modules

Science Subcommittee [Leads: Brad Schultz, San Luis Obispo & Jane Steinkamp, San Joaquin; Co-Lead: Susan Salcido, Santa Barbara]

- ✧ Online Strategic Science Teaching website created and aligned to CCSS ELA standards
- ✧ Ongoing support to CDE as NGSS Professional Learning modules are rolled out

Teacher Development Subcommittee [Lead: Rick Bartkowski, Stanislaus; Co-Lead: Sherry Opacic, Orange]

- ✧ Impact of LCFF on Teacher Induction programs (BTSA)
- ✧ Alignment of the Teacher Induction formative assessment tools with Common Core
- ✧ Alignment of the Teacher Induction formative assessment tools with the needs of English Learners

Visual and Performing Arts Subcommittee [Lead: Kitty Catania, Fresno; Co-Lead: Desiree Von Flue, Kern]

- ✧ In 2013, through a partnership with the Hewlett Foundation the VAPA Regional Leads were able to develop trainings and facilitate sharing of best practices towards integration of the arts in California K-12 schools.
- ✧ At the February CISC Symposium in Monterey all the VAPA Regional Leads coordinated four presentations on CA Common Core and arts integration to the 900 attendees.
- ✧ The VAPA Regional Leads in conjunction with CCSESA partnered with the California State PTA to host the **Celebrating Arts Learning in California Schools Luncheon** on March 12 at The California Museum in Sacramento. Over 70 district, county, and state leaders attended. Workshops were hosted that shared how districts and county offices were integrating the arts in classrooms throughout California.
- ✧ An Arts Leadership Colloquium was held on **May 14, 2013** for a day of sharing, breakout sessions, and collaborative discussions. Leaders learned what is being implemented across the state in support of Arts Learning, and received professional development strategies focused on the ARTS and Common Core State Standards.
- ✧ In most regions summer training on the integration of the arts with the CA Common Core Standards were held. **2014**

Leadership Symposium: “Rocking the Boat: Leading the Charge, Being the Change” [Symposium Planning Chair: Renee Regacho-Anaclerio, Placer]

- ✧ A professionally designed logo was adopted to brand the conference
- ✧ 15 keynote and featured speakers were selected aligned to conference goals and outcomes
- ✧ A preconference will focus on technology in support of the CCSS
- ✧ A “Call for Presenters” gathered district and COE best practices
- ✧ 20 sponsors have pledged support as of Nov 1, totaling \$52,250.
- ✧ Organized into five work groups: Presenters, Sponsorship, Logistics, Tech/website, and Program

- ✧ Increased number of participants from 900 (in 2013) to 1000 (in 2014)

CISC Meeting Highlights

- ✧ January 2013
 - ❖ CA Comprehensive Early Learning Plan
 - ❖ Birth to Third Grade Framework to Promote Grade-Level Reading (Children Now)
 - ❖ Riverside County's College and Career Readiness
 - ❖ Panel: County Initiatives involving Higher Ed & Secondary Alignment
 - ❖ CDE Updates
 - ❖ Planning Committee: Judy Arrow, Marin; Gary Waddell, San Mateo
- ✧ March 2013
 - ❖ CDE's Stakeholder Meeting
 - ❖ SBE Update
 - ❖ Blueprint for Creative Schools Task Force Report
 - ❖ CDE Updates
 - ❖ SB 1458 Background & Feedback
- ✧ May 2013
 - ❖ Assessment Update (Deb Sigman)
 - ❖ SBAC Pilot Panel
 - ❖ API Update
 - ❖ SBAC Update
 - ❖ Learning from the Past (Joel Knudson, AIR)
 - ❖ TK Modules
 - ❖ Thinking about Statewide Assessment
 - ❖ Secondary Math Pathways
 - ❖ Planning Committee: Cyndy Dolph, Madera; Gary Waddell, San Mateo; Pamela Jones, Inyo; Brad Schultz, San Luis Obispo; Ronda Adams, Yolo; & Guadalupe Solis, Tulare
- ✧ September 2013
 - ❖ Common Core Updates
 - ❖ CCSESA Leadership Guide (Glen Thomas)
 - ❖ CCSS Implementation Strategies
 - ❖ CA Budget & LCFF (Peter Birdsall, Ted Alejandre)
 - ❖ Transitional Kindergarten
 - ❖ eLearning Framework (Online Learning Collaborative)
 - ❖ Assessment Legislation & Impact (Deb Sigman)
 - ❖ Summer Matters (Katie Brackenridge, Partnership for Children & Youth)
 - ❖ Planning Committee: Raynette Sanchez, Los Angeles; Rick Bartkowski, Stanislaus; Pamela Comfort, Contra Costa; & Sherry Opacic, Orange
- ✧ November 2013
 - ❖ Local Control Accountability Plans
 - ❖ Connection between EL Data, LCAP Goals, & LCFF Funding
 - ❖ Science Middle School Progressions
 - ❖ State Board Update
 - ❖ SBAC Update
 - ❖ Common Core Survey Results
 - ❖ Mathematics Framework
 - ❖ Mathematics Curriculum Evaluation Toolkit
 - ❖ Planning Committee: Valerie Chrisman, Ventura; Debbie Beldock, San Diego; & Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano

CCSESA Quarterly Meetings

- ✧ January 2013 Presentation: CDE Assessment Recommendations
- ✧ October 2013 Presentation: CISC Common Core Implementation Strategies Document

CCSESA STAR Award

CISC selected Sue Stickel (Sacramento COE) to receive the CCSESA STAR Award in October 2013 because of her tremendous leadership in the area of Common Core. She served as Project Director for the California State Academic Content Standards Commission. Under Sue's leadership as CISC Chair in 2012, she guided our steering committee through important work within the Common Core. Sue led statewide efforts on the development of the California Math Framework that was adopted in November 2013. Most recently, Sue's leadership has been exemplified as she guided the development of the Common Core Survey that has been administered across county offices this fall. Sue Stickel is a recognized expert in instruction, curriculum development and professional development. Sue is a strategic thinker, an invaluable liaison with CDE, a promoter of the role of the county offices and an advocate for the power and importance of strong instructional support and leadership. Sue has provided insight into effective partnerships between state and education agencies, so that collectively, we might have the greatest impact for our students. Sue is a true leader with a great sense of humor. There is no one more deserving of this recognition than Sue – she is a tremendous asset to all of us in CISC.

SBE Presentations

- ✧ July 10, 2013 Presentation: COE Support of Schools & Districts in Common Core Implementation
 - ❖ Presentation by Dave Gordon, CCSESA; Gary Waddell, CISC Chair Elect, and Judy Flores, CISC Chair; with supporting follow up from Kathryn Catania, Fresno; Valerie Chrisman, Ventura; and Sue Stickel, Sacramento
- ✧ November 6, 2013 Presentation: CCSS Survey Report & Next Steps, CCSESA Common Core Leadership Guide, & CISC Common Core Implementation Strategies Document
 - ❖ Presentation by Sue Stickel, Sacramento; Judy Flores, Shasta

Common Core Resources for Schools & Districts

- ✧ **Common Core Mathematics Resources for Parents**
 - ❖ Middle School Parent Handbook
 - ❖ High School Parent Handbook – Integrated Course Sequence
 - ❖ High School Parent Handbook – Traditional Course Sequence
 - ❖ FAQs for Parents
 - ❖ PowerPoint for Parents
 - ❖ Contracted with Sacramento COE's David Chun for this work
 - ❖ Made available in August 2013
- ✧ **Common Core Implementation Strategies Document**
 - ❖ Developed and reviewed by 14 COEs
 - ❖ Includes Big Ideas, Questions to Consider, Implementation Strategies, and Descriptive Links to Resources
 - ❖ Four main components:
 - Supporting Teachers [Lead: Pamela Comfort, Contra Costa]
 - Supporting Administrators [Lead: Debbie Beldock, San Diego]
 - Supporting Students [Lead: Raynette Sanchez, Los Angeles]
 - Communication & Stakeholder Outreach [Lead: Nancy Brownell, Senior Fellow for Common Core Implementation CDE/SBE]

- ❖ Released in September 2013
- ✧ **Common Core Resources for School Boards, Parents & Community**
 - ❖ 2-page and tri-fold brochures in English & Spanish
 - ❖ FAQ in English & Spanish
 - ❖ PowerPoint presentation in English & Spanish
 - ❖ Contracted with Ventura COE's Jane Wagmeister for this work
 - ❖ Made available in September 2013
- ✧ **Common Core Survey**
 - ❖ 820 districts surveyed by COEs in September & October
 - ❖ Sacramento COE's Rachel Perry and Sue Stickel aggregated the Statewide results and created a report that includes results by region
 - ❖ 56 counties participated
 - ❖ Results were presented to the SBE in November 2013
- ✧ **Common Core Math Curriculum Evaluation Toolkit**
 - ❖ Sections:
 - Alignment to Common Core Math Standards & Learning Progressions
 - Alignment to the Math Framework
 - ❖ Trainer of Trainer Sessions to be held in December
 - North
 - South
 - Online
 - ❖ Contracted with Fresno COE's Jonathan Dueck for this work
 - ❖ Made available in December 2013

Acknowledgements & Thank You!

It has been a privilege to serve as CISC Chair for 2013. Having this opportunity has truly reinforced in my mind the unsurpassed potential we have through county offices of education to truly impact districts and schools throughout the state. CISC members bring a tremendous level of expertise and willingness to share and work together. I have appreciated the support of CCSESA Staff as they have been readily available to assist and support. It has been my honor to be the voice of this steering committee for 2013.