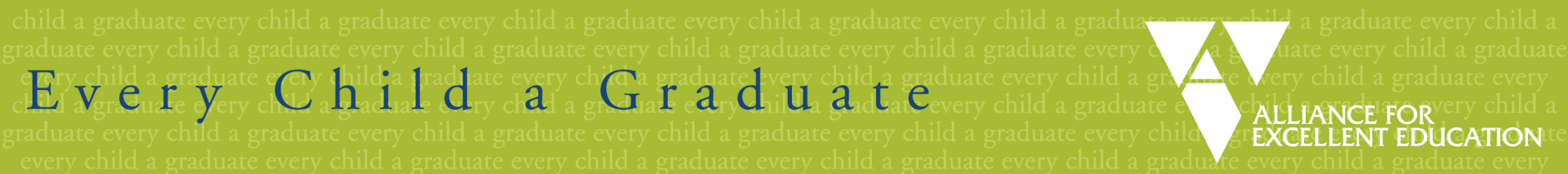




The Campaign for High School Equity
and its Partners Present a Webinar on

Implementing the Common Core State Standards to Achieve Equity

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What is the Common Core State Standards Initiative ?

- Forty-eight states working together with experts from around the country
- Building on best existing state standards
- Internationally benchmarked
- Grade-by-grade and college and career ready in English language arts (ELA) and math

The Common Core a Natural Next Step on Standards

- Builds on American Diploma Project (ADP) which worked with state leaders, K-12 education, higher education and business to raise standards and align system to college and work readiness.
- Thirty-five states part of ADP network.

What is the promise of these standards?

- Ensure all students taught to same high standards – common expectations for all regardless of zip code.
- Ensure all students have access to high-quality content, support, and opportunities.
- Allow parents to more effectively assess children’s progress and compare it across state lines.
- Make resources available to create assessments that can reliably measure progress of every student.

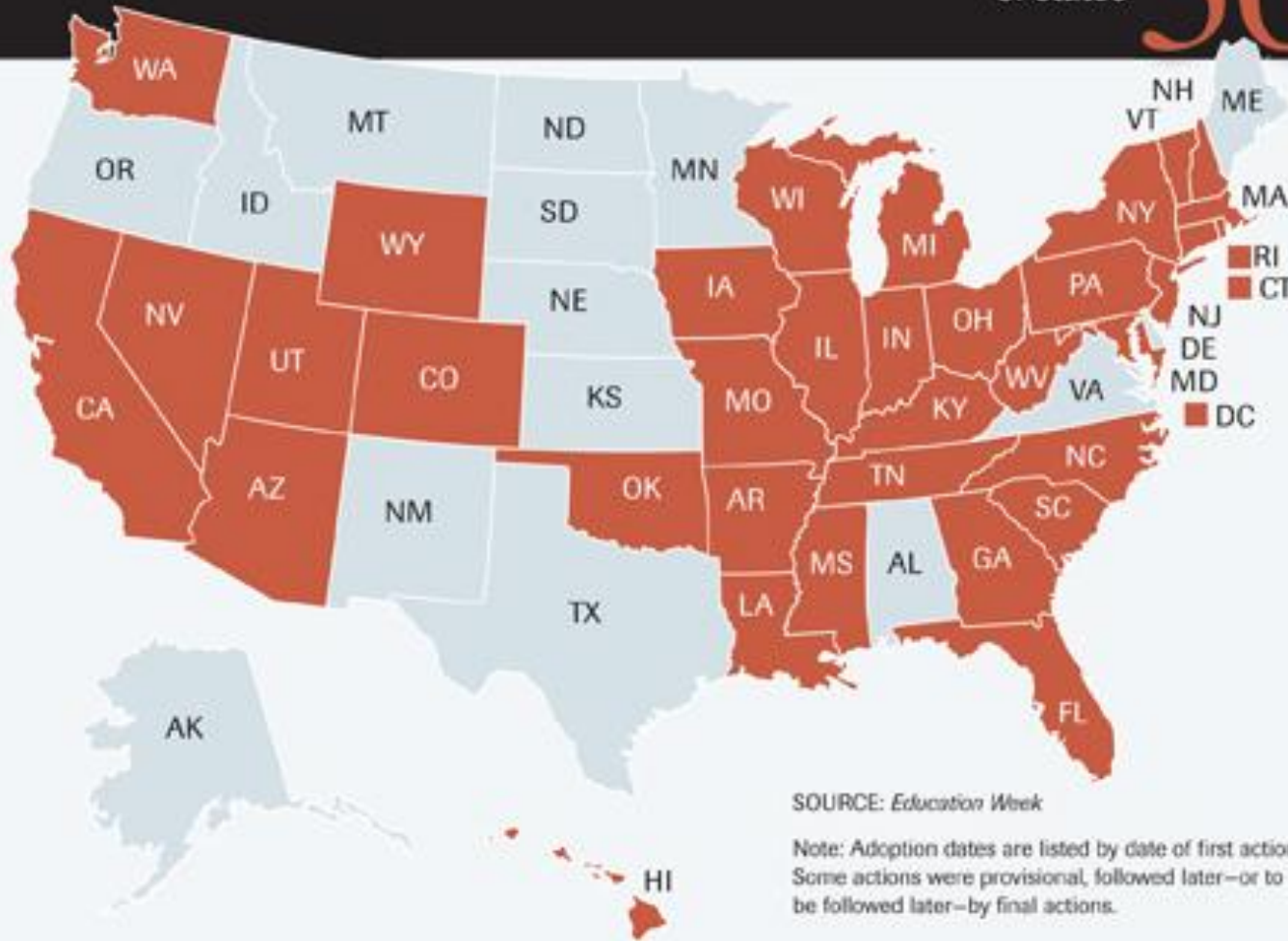
How do they compare with existing standards?

- Independent Fordham analysis – clearly superior to those in 39 states in math and 37 in ELA.
- Three states were judged to have superior ELA standards (CA, DC, and IN). No states were judged to have superior math standards. Several states have math or ELA standards in the same league.
- Disproportionate number of low-income, non-white, and English-learning students live in states with low standards – states in the South, Southwest, and far West.

Which states have adopted Common Core standards?

Common-Core Adoptions

Number of states **36**



SOURCE: Education Week

Note: Adoption dates are listed by date of first action. Some actions were provisional, followed later—or to be followed later—by final actions.

Where does my state stand in this movement?

- Forty-eight states joined the effort to develop the standards in spring 2009.
- Final standards released June 2, 2010. Currently, 35 states plus DC have adopted.

Common Assessments

- Forty-six states and DC have joined together to form two assessment consortia to compete for federal funds to develop aligned assessments.
- Assessments to go online in School Year 2014-2015.
- Such assessments promise comparability and cost savings.
- States currently spend approximately \$1.3 billion annually on assessments.

Next Steps

- Implementation.
- Aligned curriculum, textbooks and other instructional materials, professional development, teacher and leader education, support for students to reach standards.

Important Dynamics

- Change in state level leadership
 - 37 governors up for reelection
 - 12 state chief elections
 - A number of chiefs also appointed by governors
 - Changes at state legislative level
 - State Boards may be point of stability in many states
- College- and career-ready agenda for all
 - Is there a group of stakeholders united around this agenda?
 - Are you a part of it?

Related Links

- <http://www.corestandards.org>
- <http://www.highschool equity.org>
- <http://www.all4ed.org/common-standards>
- <http://achieve.org/achievingcommoncore>
- <http://www.hunt-institute.org/education-initiatives/shaping-rigorous-world-class-standards/>
- http://www.fordhaminstitute.org/index.cfm/news_the-state-of-state-standards-and-the-common-core-in-2010

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