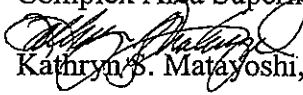




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TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals and School Renewal Specialists  
FROM:  Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent  
SUBJECT: **Common Core Instructional Materials and Upcoming Survey**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) is deeply committed to full implementation of the rigorous expectations defined in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In order to support all teachers with high quality instructional resources, the Department will adopt a core set of instructional materials for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades K-12. A consistent set of statewide aligned core instructional materials will support student transitions between schools and reinforce the K-12 construct.

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support (OCISS) convened teams of higher education faculty members, state staff, teachers, and administrators to identify and review instructional materials aligned to the CCSS. The process relied heavily on the CCSS Publisher's Criteria, as well as rubrics posted on the Hawaii Standards Toolkit website ([standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us](http://standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us)). The teams evaluated materials based on:

1. Alignment to the content in the Common Core State Standards;
2. Inclusion of the standards for ELA Pedagogical Shifts or the Standards for Mathematical Practice; and
3. Capability of publishers to provide an online, interactive, digital component.

**CCSS English Language Arts**

Beginning in School Year 2013-2014, the Department will adopt statewide ELA core materials, as follows:

Grade Span	Instructional Materials
K-6 (Elementary)	Wonders by McGraw-Hill
6-12 (Secondary)	Springboard by the College Board

### **Upcoming Survey**

To inform efforts to obtain the best possible price and service agreement for schools, a survey will be emailed on Monday, May 20, 2013, to principals to gather information on how many schools will be purchasing the ELA instructional materials in the immediate future. The survey will also include details about estimated purchasing costs.

### **CCSS Mathematics**

The teams did not yet identify mathematics materials for the full K-12 construct. As a result, OCISS will conduct another review process during the 2013-2014 school year and intends to identify common instructional materials for statewide adoption in School Year 2014-2015.

As an interim resource, middle/intermediate and high schools teaching Algebra I and Algebra II should use the curriculum materials developed via a partnership between OCISS and the University of Hawaii at Hilo mathematics faculty. These materials include course outlines and are available on the Hawaii Standards Toolkit website ([standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us](http://standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us)). Training sessions will be conducted this July and August. Teachers' implementation efforts will be further supported by quarterly follow-up sessions.

A moratorium on purchasing mathematics common core curriculum remains in place as the Department will identify mathematics instructional materials during the 2013-2014 school year.

### **Professional Development**

The Department is committed to providing professional development and support to all schools. Detailed information about training and resources available to schools is forthcoming.

Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Petra Schatz, Educational Specialist for English Language Arts, or Dewey Gottlieb, Educational Specialist for mathematics via Lotus Notes or at 203-5534.

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