



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

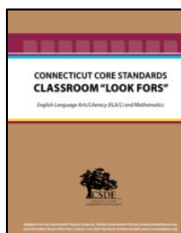


August 20, 2014

Dear Principals,

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is pleased to announce direct supports to school principals and other school leaders in their implementation of Common Core State Standards.

### 1. CONNECTICUT CORE STANDARDS CLASSROOM “LOOK FOR” GUIDE



The CSDE designed flipbook is a lightweight, durable, easy-to-carry guide that translates the standards and instructional shifts into concrete “look fors” in classrooms that employ the ELA/Literacy and Mathematics standards. The guide is broken out by grade band and subject for your use during your classroom visits. Flipbooks will be mailed directly to schools in the coming weeks. To preview the flipbook now, [click here](#).

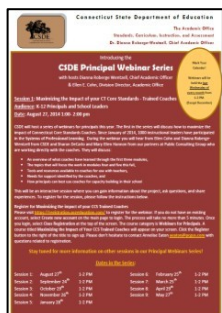
### 2. CT CORE STANDARDS WEB SITE



Created in January 2014, our Web site is refreshed 3 times per week. It contains pages dedicated to school leaders. To visit the CT Core Standards Web site, go to <http://ctcorestandards.org/>. Save this link to your favorites or access the Web site from the CSDE home page (see the left-hand column).

### 3. CSDE PRINCIPAL WEBINAR SERIES

To Access our Principal Webinar flyer, [click here](#)



**Session 1:** Maximizing the Impact of your CT Core Standards - Trained Coaches

**Audience:** K-12 Principals and other School Leaders

**Date:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The CSDE will host a series of webinars for principals this year. The first in the series will provide a “fast track” of understanding of CT Core Standards (CCSS) and discuss how principals can maximize the positive impact of their school staff members who are trained coaches. Since January 2014, 1000 instructional coaches from across the State of Connecticut have participated in the **CT Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning**.

During the webinar, you will hear from Ellen Cohn and Dianna Roberge-Wentzell from the CSDE and Sharon DeCarlo and Mary Ellen Hannon from our partners at Public Consulting Group who are working directly with the coaches.

- An overview and fast track of learning from the first three 3 PD modules (2014-15 school year);
- Topics of focus PD modules four and five this fall;
- Tools and resources available to coaches for use with teachers;
- The supports that coaches are asking for; and
- How principals can best use coaches for capacity building in their school.

### Register for **Session 1: “Maximizing the Impact of your CCS Trained Coaches”**

- Please visit <https://registration.pceducation.com/> to register for the webinar.
- If you do not have an existing account, select **Create new account** on the main page to login. The process will take no more than five minutes.
- Once you login, select **Class Registration** at the top of the screen. The course category is **Webinars for Principals**.
- A course titled **Maximizing the Impact of Your CCS Trained Coaches** will appear
- Click the **Register** button to the right of the title to sign up. Please do not hesitate to contact Annelise Eaton at [aeaton@pcgus.com](mailto:aeaton@pcgus.com) with questions related to registration.

### Principal Webinar Series - Mark Your Calendar!

*Webinars will be held the last Wednesday of every month from 1-2 p.m. (Except December)*

Session 1:	August 27th	1-2 p.m.
Session 2:	September 24th	1-2 p.m.
Session 3:	October 29th	1-2 p.m.
Session 4:	November 26th	1-2 p.m.
Session 5:	January 28th	1-2 p.m.
Session 6:	February 25th	1-2 p.m.
Session 7:	March 25th	1-2 p.m.
Session 8:	April 29th	1-2 p.m.
Session 9:	May 27th	1-2 p.m.

Wishing you all the best in the 2014-15 school year.

Sincerely,



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