

# Helpful Parent Resources

## Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Background Information

- <http://www.corestandards.org/>  
Explore this website to learn why the Common Core is important for your child, explore the Common Core, and understand how the Common Core was created.
- <http://realllearningil.org/real-learning/>  
This link provides a summary of the Common Core State Standards, and outlines the differences between the CCSS and previous Illinois learning standards.
- [http://www.isbe.net/common\\_core/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/default.htm)  
The Illinois State Board of Education website includes important information about CCSS, assessment, as well as parent resources.
- [http://www.isbe.net/common\\_core/pdf/ccs\\_faq.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/pdf/ccs_faq.pdf)  
This document provides information on the following topics: Background and Overview of Common Core, English/Language Arts Standards, Math Standards, Assessment linked to Common Core Standards.
- [http://www.isbe.net/common\\_core/pdf/ccs-faq-0813.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/pdf/ccs-faq-0813.pdf)  
Frequently Asked Questions: Common Core State Standards Implementation

## Supporting Your Child with the CCSS

- <https://learnzillion.com/>  
LearnZillion is a website that provides teachers and parents with video lessons showing what your student needs to learn each year. The lessons include a 3-5 minute long lesson video, downloadable slides, and other resources for practice and assessment. You can search video lessons for specific ELA and Math Common Core State Standards. Your student can watch the videos alone or with you. Have your student take notes while watching. You can create a free account for yourself and/or your student.
- <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>  
This website is designed to provide helpful resources to parents in order to assist their children in many different areas of school. Some helpful links include: reading resources, helping your child learn mathematics, homework tips for parents, parents guide to school success, etc.
- <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>  
The *Parents' Guides to Student Success* were developed by teachers, parents and education experts in response to the Common Core State Standards that more than 45 states have adopted. Created for grades K-8 and high school English, language arts/literacy and mathematics, the guides provide clear, consistent expectations for what students should be learning at each grade in order to be prepared for college and career.
- <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/parents/>  
Discovery Education offers a wide variety of free family resources, such as how to offer homework help to your child, creative and useful ideas for motivating your students in and out of school, a math-help website, etc.
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>  
Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.