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FR: Association of California School Administrators  
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RE: **Inputs on California Common Core CCC  
Recommendations for Educators**

Recently we solicited input from our leadership across the state to seek advice on what is needed to effectively transition to the recently adopted California Common Core (CCC). We posed to our members statewide: *What are your recommendations for California Common Core?*

In anticipation of the development of a state implementation plan for California Common Core, ACSA is submitting the following summarized input for your use as the state proceeds with a comprehensive plan of implementation. If you should have any questions please contact Sherry Skelly Griffith at [sgriffith@acsa.org](mailto:sgriffith@acsa.org)

**Essential Elements for the Transition to Common Core**

- Ensure California's English Language Development standards are aligned to Common Core and the needs of students with disabilities will be addressed.
- Ensure that full funding is provided up front for the transition, any new instructional materials and the necessary professional development to implement Common Core.
- A comparison of current CA. standards to new Common Core standards. Show alignment by content and by grade.
- Support materials tied into new Core standards to use between now and when new textbooks are adopted.
- Identify gaps in current textbooks that don't meet Common Core and develop and provide the field free of charge, supplemental materials that meet common core.
- Develop and provide a crosswalk between Career Technical Education courses and new common core so CTE teachers can begin to incorporate Common Core into their lesson plans.
- University credentialing programs must begin the transition immediately to incorporate Common Core into their education programs.
- State and regional workshops on what is Common Core.
- Communication to all stakeholders. State ensures messaging reaches teachers.

