

COMMON CORE BASIC FACTS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

The Common Core is NOT a set curriculum. The Common Core standard is a base line of knowledge that should be acquired by certain age levels. It is a sort of measuring stick for different grade levels.

How does this affect education at RCCS?

Rock County Christian School has used standardized testing long before becoming a Choice School, therefore, we teach with a base of knowledge per grade level in mind. The difference between how Rock County Christian School and other schools teach the material per grade is evidenced in the choice of curriculum and teacher expectations. We expect our students to surpass the Common Core “measuring stick. As far as content, for example, we teach what evolution is AND how it is errant. A public school will also teach about evolution, but the Biblical worldview will not be presented. As a Choice School, we have never been asked to abandon teaching from a Biblical Worldview. If this were the intent or even eventual intent, the word "Choice" would have to be eliminated from the equation. Parents are now free to use their tax dollars to CHOOSE whether or not the curriculum is taught from a Biblical Worldview.

Common Core Standard myths

Myth: These Standards amount to a national curriculum for our schools.

Fact: The Standards are not a curriculum. They are a clear set of shared goals and expectations for what knowledge and skills will help our students succeed. Local teachers, principals, superintendents and others will decide how the standards are to be met. Teachers will continue to devise lesson plans and tailor instruction to the individual needs of the students in their classrooms.

Myth: The Standards only include skills and do not address the importance of content knowledge.

Fact: The Standards recognize that both content and skills are important.

Myth: Adopting common standards will bring all states' standards down to the lowest common denominator, which means states with high standards will be taking a step backwards if they adopt the Standards.

Fact: The Standards are designed to build upon the most advanced current thinking about preparing all students for success in college and their careers.

For More Myth vs. Facts go to <http://www.corestandards.org/resources/myths-vs-facts>