Florida Standards Our Students. Our Future.



Get to know HCPS

- Eighth largest school district in the nation
- More than 200,000 students
- 142 elementary schools
- 44 middle schools
- 27 high schools
- 3 K-8 schools
- Largest employer in Hillsborough County
- 25,657 total permanent personnel





How does HCPS match up?

In a recent comparison of 22 large, urban school districts ...

- HCPS students had the highest reading scores of all 22 districts.
- HCPS students tied for the second highest math scores.



 HCPS subgroups (minority, low-income, and students with disabilities) outperformed their peers nationally.



2013 TUDA Average Scale Scores Grade 4 Reading



2013 TUDA Average Scale Scores Grade 4 Math



2013 TUDA Average Scale Scores Grade 8 Reading





The new Florida Standards are...

- Rigorous standards that lead to college & career readiness
- Deeper learning
- More engagement with students more *doing*, fewer worksheets
- Largely consistent with standards being set across the nation.





The new Florida Standards are not ...

- A national curriculum
 - o Curriculum decisions are made at the local level.







Example: First Grade - Math Problem

"Old" problem (little rigor) Tina had 15 balloons. She gave 12 of them away. How many balloons did Tina have?

"New" problem (with rigor)

Burger Barn has 1 small table that can seat 4 people. They also have 1 large table that can seat double that amount. 15 people came in at lunch time. How many people did not get a seat?



Example: First Grade - ELA Problem

"Old" problem ...

 Write about your favorite part of the book, <u>Welcome to the Rainforest</u>. Did you like this story? Why?

"New" problem ...

 Using the book, <u>Welcome to the Rainforest</u>, write an opinion piece explaining what the most important gift the rain forest plants offer us. State your opinion and support it by using *evidence* from the text. Reread your writing and check for capitals and periods. Does your writing make sense?



Example: Seventh Grade - Math Problem

"Old" problem ...

Randy gets in the elevator on the 4th floor and goes up 2 floors to get his friend. Then they both go down 5 floors and get off the elevator. What floor are they on when they exit the elevator?





Example: Seventh Grade - Math Problem

"New" problem ...

Randy gets in the elevator on the 4th floor and goes up 2 floors to get his friend. Then they both go down 5 floors and get off the elevator. What floor are they on when they exit the elevator? <u>Mark all possible ways to display the problem and the answer.</u>





"Old" problem ...

Suppose you could convince a famous person to visit your town.

<u>Directions</u>: Write to convince this person to visit your town.





Example: Seventh Grade - ELA Problem

"New" problem ...

It's no secret that sometimes great discoveries come as a result of really big mistakes. But are they always worth the problems they cause? Sometimes the mistakes lead to greatness, and sometimes they lead to disaster. Are mistakes key to making discoveries?

<u>Directions</u>: Write an essay in which you take a position on whether or not mistakes are a key part of discovery. <u>Use information from the passages to support your points</u>.



Why are Florida Standards good for students?

College and Career Focus: Helps prepare students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and careers.

Consistent: Created with input from educators, parents, and community. They ensure high standards for all students, regardless of zip code.

Student Ownership: Clearer standards will help students understand what is expected of them, and help parents know what is expected of their student.





Why are Florida Standards good for educators?

Depth - Guides the development of curricula that promotes deep understanding for academic concepts and process for all students

Own the "How" - The Florida Standards are centered on...

- ✓ Student engagement
- Implementation of higher order questioning and discussion techniques

 Ensuring the success of all students, using an extensive repertoire of instructional strategies

Consistency – Puts teachers and parents on the "same page" in terms of expectations for students

Training - Allows for more focused professional development



Where are we now? Where are we headed?



- Standards have been implemented at all grade levels
- New tests/assessments tied to the Florida Standards will be conducted during the 2014-2015 school year. (No more FCAT after this year.)
- Assessments will be more focused on application of knowledge



HCPS Timeline

2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
District planning meetings Introduction and Overview of Fla Standards* for district administrators * Then known as Common Core State Standards	Overview of new standards for teachers and administrators Professional development for admins and teachers Curriculum aligned to new standards & assessments	Curriculum revisions based on new standards & aligned assessments Continued professional development for administrators and teachers	Adoption of curriculum materials State DOE aligns course descriptions with new standards Continued professional development for admins and teachers	Continued professional development for admins and teachers Florida students take Fla Standards aligned assessments in math and literacy, Grades 3-11



Thank You Our Students. Our Future.





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