

Bring Back Local Control to Arizona

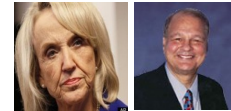
Stop Common Core



How much will it cost the Arizona Taxpayer to implement the Common Core Standards and Assessments?

Problem: No cost analysis was performed by the State Board of Education (SBE) or the Governor's office before the Common Core Standards were adopted in June 2010. The total cost to implement the Common Core Standards and assessments to the Arizona Taxpayer is unknown and we only have estimates!

1. It is required by Arizona State Statute ARS 15-203(A)(10) that a cost analysis be performed before new standards are adopted in this state and presented to the AZ Legislature. In this statute we read: "The State Board of Education shall...Prepare a budget for expenditures necessary for proper maintenance of the board and accomplishment of its purposes and present the budget to the legislature." (<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/15/00203.htm>) This was not done in Arizona by Governor Jan Brewer nor former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Horne, before the Common Core Standards were adopted in our state.



2. The State Board of Education (SBE) estimates that it would cost \$131 million over 2 years (FY14 and FY15) to implement "Common Core," not including related costs for additional Internet access and computers needed for testing. Corresponding Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) estimates are \$157 million for instruction-related costs plus \$230 million for additional Internet access and computers (\$387 million total). (http://www.azgovernor.gov/AzReady/documents/Materials/2012/AREC_111312_ACCSEstCost.pdf and http://www.azsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/ASBA_Report_Card_3-5-13.pdf)



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3. This Pioneer Institute for Policy Research, working with AccountabilityWorks, has performed a cost analysis estimate for transitioning to the Common Core Standards. "The study, which only calculates expenses directly associated with the transition, finds that states are likely to incur \$10.5 billion in one-time costs. An estimated \$503 million will be incurred in first-year operational costs like technology training and support and higher assessment costs for some states." AccountabilityWorks (AW), which developed the analysis, estimates that an additional \$801 million will be incurred annually in years two through seven for ongoing support of the enhanced technology infrastructure and the introduction of new assessments that are currently under development." "The nearly \$16 billion in additional costs is nearly four times the federal government's Race to the Top grant awards," said Pioneer Institute Executive Director Jim Stergios. (AccountabilityWorks, "National Cost of Aligning States and Localities to the Common Core Standards," Feb 2012, <http://pioneerinstitute.org/education/study-estimates-cost-of-transition-to-national-education-standards-at-16-billion/>)



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4. The new assessment test associated with the Common Core Standards is the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). PARCC estimates it will cost \$29.5 per student to administer this test annually which is up from \$18 per student to administer the previous Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test (http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/PARCCAssessmentAdminToolFAQ_FINAL.pdf). With 750,000 AZ students per year taking the AIMS test now this is an additional \$22 million a year to administer the PARCC test.



Partnership for Assessment of
Readiness for College and Careers

Solution: Bring back local control over standards and assessments. Support legislation that will allow school districts and charter schools to determine their own standards and assessments (SB1388, SB1395, SB1396, SB1310, SB1095, and HB2316- <http://azleg.gov/>). Support Diane Douglas in 2014 for the Superintendent of Public Instruction office. She supports local control

