

Professional Writing #2

Understanding the Common Core

The *Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics* is posted on the Blackboard site for TEAC308. Alternatively, you can download it from

<http://www.corestandards.org/the-standards>

For this assignment choose three consecutive grade levels, including your practicum grade level. Read the CCSS Critical Areas for Focus for the grade levels you have chosen. These can be found beginning on pp. 9 of the CCSS. Everyone should read pp. 3-5 as an introduction to the document. Also read NCTM's *Curriculum Focal Points* for the three consecutive grade levels you have already chosen. The NCTM *Curriculum Focal Points* are found in the Reys book in Appendix B.

Write 1-2 pages comparing the CCSS Critical Areas for Focus with NCTM's *Curriculum Focal Points*. How are they similar/dissimilar?

In addition, read two articles about the CCSS, one opposing the CCSS and one supporting the CCSS. Write 1 page summarizing the arguments for and against the CCSS. The articles are posted on the Blackboard site for TEAC308.

Note. Please print out your PW#2 and bring it to class on Sep29th (Wednesday).