



# NEVADA READY!

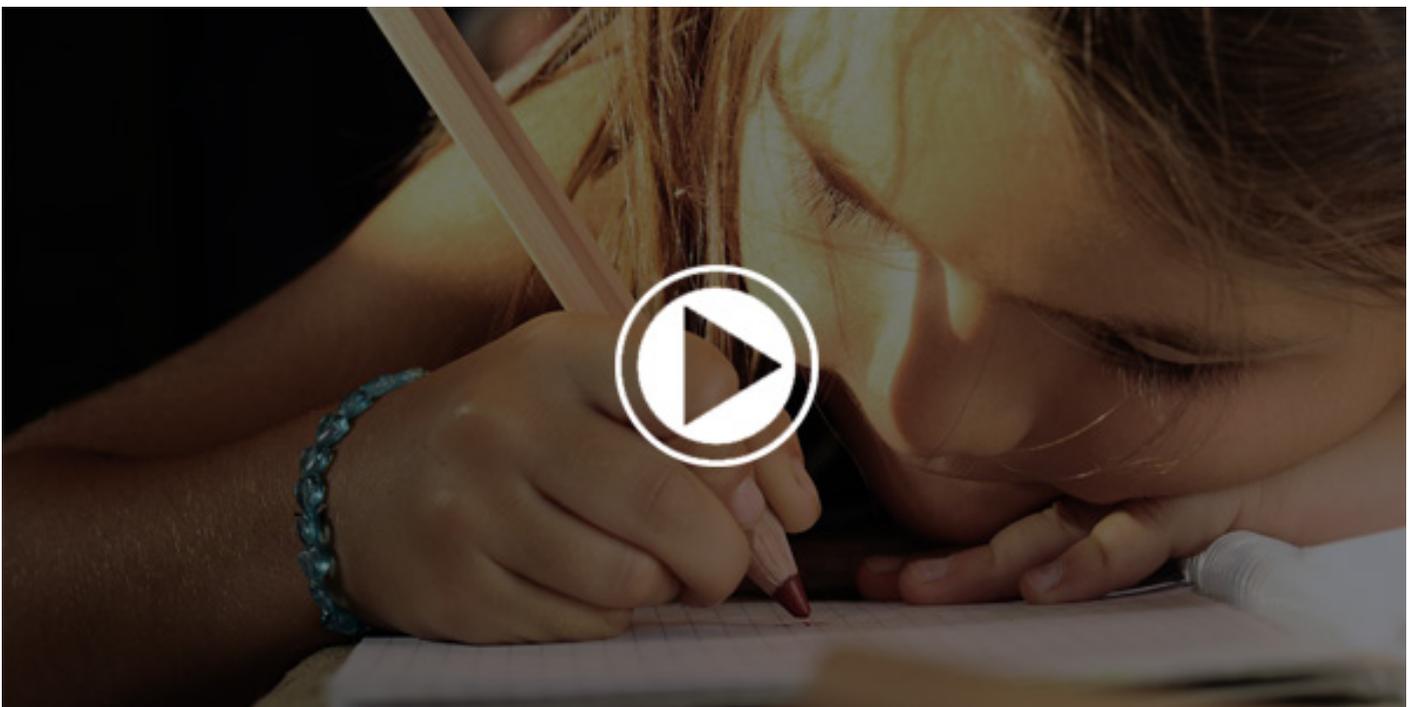
**OUR STATE. OUR STUDENTS. OUR SUCCESS.**

**Dear Educators,**

In 2010 our state adopted the Common Core State Standards, which establish a single set of clear educational standards that outlines what students should know and be able to do in English language arts and mathematics from kindergarten through 12th grade. But like the pioneers we are, Nevada locally tailored these national benchmarks and goals and developed our own curriculum and instructional tools to assure that these collectively established standards fit the needs of our state's students. We call ours the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) in English language arts and mathematics.

We are excited to exclusively unveil to you today a short video produced by your colleagues from across the state, sharing their thoughts about our new Nevada Academic Content Standards in English language arts and mathematics.

Check it out here...



Over the next weeks and throughout the summer, we will communicate with you through our informational campaign called Nevada Ready! This effort will be tasked with keeping you informed and in the loop regarding the full, statewide implementation of our new Nevada Academic Content Standards. This campaign will give you the tools to effectively communicate our new standards to your classroom, your parents/guardians and to anyone interested in knowing where our public schools are headed.

So be on the look-out for more exciting and interactive communication tools from Nevada Ready! You can also engage with **@Nevada Ready** on Twitter and on the **Nevada Ready Facebook** page.

Thank you for everything you do. Because of your dedication and deep love for our state and our students, we are truly on the path to making all of our students prepared to succeed in the future.

Sincerely,

Dale A.R. Erquiaga  
Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education

Dan Klaich  
Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education





# NEVADA READY!

**OUR STATE. OUR STUDENTS. OUR SUCCESS.**

**WHO:** *Nevada Ready!* is a statewide initiative led by the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada Board of Education, and is financially supported by the Nevada Public Education Foundation. The Department is partnering with the Nevada System of Higher Education, local school districts, and public and private organizations and agencies.

**WHAT:** The *Nevada Ready!* initiative will **raise awareness of the state's public school standards**, which define what students are expected to learn and be able to do as they move from grade to grade. Although standards are not new to education in Nevada, today's **students are being taught under more challenging standards** to prepare them for college and the modern workplace and to place Nevada's education system on par with every other state in our great nation. Virtually all our state's education initiatives are built upon these standards — with the goal of increasing expectations of what our **students will know and master to be college and career ready**, and equipped to compete globally.

**HOW:** Through a comprehensive communications initiative, *Nevada Ready!* will provide **information to help educators, students, parents, community leaders** and others understand the standards of education adopted by the Department and Board, the tests that will be given to assess student and teacher performance and ways to use those results to help students, educators, schools and school districts reach these new, rigorous standards.

**WHY:** The *Nevada Ready!* initiative started with a **focus on implementation of new standards for English language arts and mathematics** (commonly referred to as the Common Core State Standards), but also **addresses new science standards** adopted by the State Board of Education in February 2014 and standards in many other subject areas including social studies, the arts, pre-K/early learning, and career and technical education.

With **more rigorous standards** for learning come enhanced assessments. Because the **new tests are based on higher expectations**, new assessment data may show that fewer students score at a proficient level. **Modernizing our expectations and updating our approach** to education will not be an overnight project, but preparing our children for **global competition is a shared responsibility for the entire state** to embrace.

**A continued focus on raising academic expectations for students and improving educator effectiveness will lead to a stronger system of public education in Nevada and ensure all Nevadans are ready for success in the 21st Century.**

You may reach *Nevada Ready!* at [nevadaready@doe.nv.gov](mailto:nevadaready@doe.nv.gov)  
or join us on Facebook, Twitter or [nevadaready.gov](http://nevadaready.gov)

