



**Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS) Collaborative
October 1, 2012- September 30, 2013**

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO or the Council) invites all interested state education agencies to enroll in or continue their enrollment in the Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS) collaborative for the 2012-2013 program year. The 2012-2013 ICCS program offers states' Common Core implementation teams access to coaching and mentorship from former state leaders, access to an online network to share resources with all states, attendance at an annual summit as a cross-agency team, attendance at a series of focused topical meetings, and input into CCSSO's ongoing webinar series and tool development to support Common Core implementation.

Please note that the meetings listed below represent the calendar of confirmed meetings in the 2012-2013 ICCS program. Additional meetings and supports, including an additional meeting focused on research-based mathematics implementation, may be added to the ICCS program depending on funding and state interest.

Meetings:

Joint SCEE/Learning Forward/ICCS Topical Meeting: Leveraging Professional Learning to Increase Principal Effectiveness in Implementing the Common Core and Teacher Evaluation (November 1-2, 2012; Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD)

CCSSO invites ICCS states that are not involved in CCSSO's State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) to send two individuals (one SEA representative and one school principal) to attend this joint convening on principal leadership. ICCS states that also belong to SCEE may send an additional representative from their Common Core implementation team to join their state SCEE team.

Topical Meeting: Selecting and Recommending Aligned Instructional Materials (November 29-30, 2012; Stamford Marriott Hotel, Stamford, CT)

CCSSO invites all states to send two individuals responsible for curriculum and instructional materials adoption and recommendation at the state level to join CCSSO for a hands-on workshop and conversation with leaders from Student Achievement Partners (SAP), CCSSO, Achieve and other national experts to discuss use of tools like the Publishers' Criteria for English Language Arts and Mathematics, which was developed by SAP, and the Tri-State Rubric, which was facilitated by Achieve. Please note that this meeting will be available to *all* states, regardless of ICCS membership.

Topical Meeting: Common Standards for All Students - Learning from the Research and Practice of the Special Education and English Language Learner Communities (February 2013)

CCSSO seeks to connect the work of the ICCS leadership to the research-based best practices developed and used by the special education and English language learner communities. CCSSO invites states to send two

participants to this focused session on how to support all learners achieve on the Common Core State Standards. This meeting will be coordinated with CCSSO's Assessing Special Education Students (ASES) and English Language Learners (ELL) SCASS groups and occur in conjunction with the February SCASS meetings.

Topical Meeting: Communicating the Common Core and Common Assessments (May/June 2013)

Building on the success of the June 2012 meeting of more than thirty states in Chicago, CCSSO invites states to send two individuals, suggested to be state communication directors and Common Core leads, to attend a second annual meeting focused on providing states with professional development on communicating about the Common Core and common assessments. This meeting will take place prior to the State Summit at the same location.

ICCS State Summit (May/June 2013)

ICCS member states may send a team of six individuals from across the agency and the state to attend a two day summit with other states and national leaders to share ideas and learn from new research and innovation on Common Core implementation. This summit will include conversation on communications, professional development, transition planning, career readiness, and the linkage between the standards and career and technical education. If a state wishes to bring additional members as part of the state team, the cost will be \$2,500 per person and requests should be sent to Renata Lewis in advance to ensure there is space available, renatal@ccsso.org.

Coaching:

CCSSO has funding through the generosity of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the GE Foundation to work with six senior-level consultants to directly support state implementation teams. During the 2011-2012 ICCS program year, coaches included former state chiefs/deputies Doug Christensen, Rick Melmer, Gavin Payne, Deb Delisle, Sue Gendron, and Judy Jeffrey.

Coaches will be made available to all states, regardless of ICCS membership; however, priority for state visits and access to coaches at topical meetings and the ICCS state summit will be given to ICCS member states.

ICCS coaches:

- Meet with state teams for an extended kick-off conversation either in-person or via technology in October 2012 to set goals and expectations for communications for the program year ahead;
- Maintain regular contact with their state implementation teams;
- Provide feedback on proposed planning ideas;
- Connect states seeking to collaborate with other states on shared goals; and,
- Gather state feedback on ICCS meeting agendas and CCSSO activities to inform the Council's support to states.

State specific support:

ICCS coaches will visit states to facilitate a guided conversation with cross-agency staff by request. For example, a coach may visit a state once in the program year to lead a conversation with senior leadership on communications, transition planning, or developing feedback loops with districts. As available, CCSSO staff may support this work by providing feedback on agendas or attending. As appropriate, neighboring states and demographically similar states may be invited to attend in-state meetings as critical friends and learners.

The Enrollment Form is five pages. Please fax all completed pages to (800) 790-8514 or send scanned document to renatal@ccsso.org.

Other CCSSO Common Core Supports:

CCSSO offers a number of additional supports for Common Core implementation to all states, regardless of ICCS membership.

- **Communications Director Professional Development:** CCSSO will convene ICCS Communication Directors for regular calls and webinars to provide professional development on communicating about the Common Core State Standards and common assessments to diverse audiences. These calls will serve as in-depth opportunities for states to share high-quality work with one another, for CCSSO to provide national communications experts to address key issues, and to receive regular feedback on the kinds of tools and resources that states should collaborate to develop, rather than develop alone.
- **E-newsletter:** CCSSO distributes a biweekly newsletter focused on Common Core implementation. The newsletter contains information on upcoming events and webinars, new research and relevant news, and promising practices from states and partner organizations.
- **Webinars:** CCSSO hosts an ongoing series of webinars to provide states with in-depth information on new tools and promising practices. For example, during the 2011-2012 program year of ICCS, CCSSO hosted on webinars on ELA text complexity tools, the concept of focus in the mathematics standards, a new tool for self-assessing collaboration with higher education, the K-2 standards, updates on the 1% assessment consortia, and the release of new professional development modules from Student Achievement Partners.
- **Spaces.ccsso.org:** All states are welcome to join spaces.ccsso.org, a password-protected online community for state education agencies to share ideas, documents, and information. The ICCS community on spaces.ccsso.org contains a robust resource library of tools from national organizations and from more than half the states in the country.

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**E N R O L L M E N T F O R M
R E Q U E S T F O R I N V O I C E**

The ICCS state collaborative will run from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

The state team lead will be included in all messages about the ICCS program and all meetings. If you are unsure of specific attendees for any of the following meetings, please leave the section blank and we will contact the state lead with questions about attendance as we get closer to each meeting.

Please note that if your state requests to send an additional participant to any of the following meetings, the cost will be \$2500 per participant per meeting. Requests for additional participants must be sent to Renata Lewis (renatal@ccsso.org) and decisions will be made according to space available.

General Information – please print

Name of State Collaborative	Participation Fee
Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS)	\$18,500

Name of Your Organization	Purchase Order # <i>(only needed if your organization requires)</i>	
State		

Primary Contact for Accounting Office

Name & Title	Address	
Phone	Fax	Email

State Team Lead – main point of contact for state team

Name & Title	Address	
Phone	Fax	Email

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TOPICAL MEETING #1: Joint SCEE/Learning Forward/ICCS Topical Meeting: Leveraging Professional Learning to Increase Principal Effectiveness in Implementing the Common Core and Teacher Evaluation (November 1-2, 2012; Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD)

Attendee #1

Attendee #2 (suggested to be a principal)

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TOPICAL MEETING #2: Topical Meeting: Selecting and Recommending Aligned Curricular and Instructional Materials (November 29-30, 2012; Stamford Marriott Hotel, Stamford, CT)

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Attendee #2

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TOPICAL MEETING #3: Common Standards for All Students - Learning from the Special Education and English Language Learner Communities (February 2013)

Attendee #1 (Recommended to be state Common Core lead) **Attendee #2**

Name	Name
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Affiliation/Organization	Affiliation/Organization
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TOPICAL MEETING #4: Communicating the Common Core and Common Assessments (May/June 2013)

Attendee #1 (Must be State Communications Director) **Attendee #2** (State Common Core Lead)

Name	Name
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ICCS State Summit (May/June 2013)

Attendee #1 (State Common Core Lead)

Attendee #2 (Suggested to be State CTE Director)

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Do you want to add an Administrative Assistant to be kept aware of any updates?

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Billing Information

Special Billing Requests or Arrangements

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Authorized Signature

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If you need assistance, please contact Renata Lewis at renatal@ccsso.org or 202-336-7031.