

Common Core PowerSchool-ready import templates

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The article links to the templates, a copy of the webinar presentation and a recording of the webinar.

Thank you for your interest in the PowerSchool-ready import templates for the Common Core Standards. We hope you will be able to use them as a key part of your school/district's overall Common Core implementation strategy. These templates contain all of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Literacy for Social Studies, Science, and technical subjects.

The full text of each standard is contained in the Description field; an abbreviated version of each standard is contained in the Name field. This name appears on the Standards Grades tab of the Quick Lookup page in PowerSchool and the Standards tab when an assignment is created in PowerTeacher. In addition, being able to see the name is preferred by most customers when printing standards-based report cards.

Some examples of equations and formulas that include symbols not supported by PowerSchool have been omitted from the full description of the Mathematics standards.

IMPORTANT! Before you use these templates, you must:

1. Review your school/district's standards-based grading strategy. Decide how standards grades are going to be calculated in PowerTeacher.
2. Set up the School Usage and Calculation settings in PowerTeacher Administrator to be consistent with your school/district strategy.
3. Work with your school/district curriculum leadership and Mathematics department heads to decide which of the four Mathematics models supported by the Common Core will be implemented:
4. Grades 9-12 Traditional
5. Grades 9-12 Integrated
6. Grades 9-12 with 8th grade Algebra 1 Traditional
7. Grades 9-12 with 8th grade Mathematics 1 Integrated
8. Use the spreadsheets in the Mathematics folder that support the model selected.
9. Review each spreadsheet. Verify that the standard identifiers, listed in column B of each spreadsheet, are NOT duplicated by any standards already used in your PowerSchool database. The identifier for each standard MUST be unique.
10. Ensure that curriculum and content experts in your school/district have reviewed and approved the abbreviated "name" for each standard. Make changes to the Name field for each standard, where necessary, to ensure consistency with your school/district standards grading philosophy and policies.
11. Create Standards Conversion Scales consistent with your school/district grading rubrics. Enter the *exact name* or ID number for the appropriate Conversion Scale for each standard in column J of each spreadsheet.
12. Work with your school/district curriculum leadership to decide which standards teachers can align assignments to in PowerTeacher. For those standards teachers can align directly to assignments, verify that TRUE is entered in column K for each applicable standard in each spreadsheet.

13. Work with your school/district curriculum leadership to decide which standards teachers can add comments to in PowerTeacher. For those standards teachers can comment on, verify that TRUE is entered in column L for each applicable standard in each spreadsheet. When discussing this, remember that including comments for individual standards on standards-based report cards can exponentially increase the number of pages of each student's report card.
14. Align each standard to the courses in which they are taught by entering the course number in column M of each spreadsheet. If a standard is addressed in multiple courses across your school/district, separate course numbers by commas.

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Roger's Notes:

- Find out all about Common Core at CoreStandards.org
- Standards are in the Standards table if you're looking in DDA
- The Gen table holds the Conversion scales... if you're looking for the ID search the Gen table for Cat=stdconvscale
- Name field 80 char limit. Names of Common Core standards edited in some cases for length.
- Description field - 4k limit, mostly identical except for some symbols.