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While the Common Core State Standards do not specifically address professional development, the implications are clear—as for students to receive a world-class education, they must be supported by effective teachers and leaders who are working together for a common goal: improved student achievement. Scholastic’s Blueprint for Literacy Learning is supported by a foundation that includes effective teaching, strong leadership development, and technical services to actively manage and implement a literacy plan that will ensure student achievement. These capacity building resources include expertly crafted modules, in-service opportunities for districts and schools in-person and online training and support to meet their specific needs. From program implementation training to ongoing professional development and literacy improvement initiatives, Scholastic can customize a plan of action that incorporates comprehensive research-based literacy professional development with cross-curricular literacy strategies to support the Common Core State Standards.
The only English Language Arts program designed around the Common Core State Standards.

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