



# TRANSITION to **Higher Standards** for STUDENT SUCCESS

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR**  
LITERACY, MATH & LEADERSHIP



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Educators nationwide agree on the urgent need to raise the bar for achievement and prepare students for college and career success—every state is on-board with higher standards, and every district is earnestly preparing for the transition.

Schools across the country must realign curricula, increase rigor, and ensure that students are able to apply what they know in literacy and math. Teachers and leaders need deep awareness of the key instructional shifts, more targeted professional learning, and ongoing support to help ALL students meet higher expectations.

Transformation of this magnitude is attainable... and that's where we come in.

Scholastic Achievement Partners (SAP) brings together world-renowned thought leaders, authors and academics, and experts in literacy, mathematics, and leadership—to transform curriculum and instruction and guide schools toward real, measurable success.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for **Literacy, Math, and Leadership**

### LITERACY

"I get goose bumps looking at some of that **data** because we had kids that were **four years behind** who are **now reading at grade level**."

Jessica O'Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, White Plains Public Schools (NY)

### MATHEMATICS

"We have seen an **increase** in our reading, science, and **math** scores. **Our graduation rate has gone up**, and the dropout rate has gone down."

Jeff Smith, Director, Cabell County Schools (WV)

### LEADERSHIP

"Because of the **leadership** that **SAP** helped instill, we'll be able to **gradually do this work on our own**."

Melissa Watson, Director, Warren City Schools (OH)



# ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

We meet you where you are, and take you where you want to be.



## IDENTIFY NEEDS & BUILD A PLAN

Implement a System-Wide  
Needs Assessment  
  
Develop a Strategic Plan



### Identify Needs & Build a Plan

We help you assess the areas that need focus through a data-driven process, obtain buy-in from key stakeholders, and unpack the instructional shifts to provide your school community with a deep understanding of the higher standards.



### Transform Curriculum & Instruction

Our experts coach grade-level and subject-area teams through a comprehensive approach to realigning curriculum and assessments. They will also help create and implement a strategy for tracking progress for all teams.



## TRANSFORM CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Understand  
Instructional Shifts  
  
Design Next Generation  
Curriculum  
  
Design Next Generation  
Assessment  
  
Plan Instruction to  
Engage All Learners



### Sustain Effective Practice

Using research-based strategies, we help you put theory into practice to transform classroom instruction across the disciplines with explicit lesson modeling, side-by-side coaching, and ongoing in-person and online support.



## SUSTAIN EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

Build Discipline-Specific Knowledge  
  
See Best Practices in Action  
  
Provide Side-By-Side Coaching



# IDENTIFY NEEDS & BUILD A PLAN

When addressing the unprecedented demands of higher standards, tougher assessments, and higher expectations, it is critical to begin with the end in mind. Before tailoring your solution, we can help determine your district's level of preparedness for implementing the new standards and determine how to best address the multitude of new demands.

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For a complete list of Professional Learning services, funding, and alignments, visit [scholastic.com/sap/commoncore](https://scholastic.com/sap/commoncore)

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## HOW WE CAN HELP:

To develop a successful solution, it is critical to start with an accurate situation analysis and solid plan. Our senior consultants work collaboratively with your leadership team to determine where you are and where you want to go. Building on up-front analysis, we work with each school to prioritize needs, develop an action plan, and determine how to measure our efforts. All of this comes together in the **System Success Roadmap**, which provides the path for the exciting work ahead.

### ◆ IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM-WIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We **analyze** data trends, survey results, classroom observations, and interview input to identify school and district strengths, gaps, and opportunities. This work results in a concise and informative report, which directly informs your transition plan and helps to **align** all stakeholders. This proven process typically makes use of the following tools:

**System for Effective Instruction (SEI)** rubric is used to help determine the level of system-wide alignment—based upon key indicators from the SEI—toward instructional effectiveness.

**Collaborative Instructional Review:** This proprietary tool guides classroom observation to help gauge progress toward transforming instruction by examining levels of rigor, relevance, and relationships present in the classroom.

**WE Surveys** evaluate how students, instructional staff, leadership, and community members perceive the instruction, learning environment, and level of engagement. The output of these surveys shows similarities and disparities in perceptions, which helps determine where to focus improvement efforts.

**Data Analysis Report (DAR):** This in-depth review provides quantitative evidence to help identify strengths and areas of need.

### ◆ DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for your district's transition to new standards and related initiatives. First, we **plan** for success by identifying concrete action steps aligned to priority areas of need. Then, we **measure** progress toward your objectives with clear performance indicators against which we monitor progress and adjust course as needed. This process can build off of existing improvement planning efforts and will be tailored based on the needs of individual schools.



# TRANSFORM CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Teachers must be learners, as well as systemic designers of student instruction with a focus on instructional best practices to meet the needs of diverse learners. In order to meet the goals of college and career readiness, all stakeholders—teachers, instructional leaders, and administrators—must engage in curricular dialogue to make data-based decisions about instructional practices. **School districts need a systemic process and framework for aligning curriculum, instruction, and assessments.**

## Ensure a Successful Transition With Support in Four Key Areas:

MODULE 1  
**Building Knowledge of Instructional Shifts**

MODULE 2  
**Designing Next Generation Curriculum**

MODULE 3  
**Designing Next Generation Assessment**

MODULE 4  
**Planning Instruction to Engage All Learners**

## HOW WE CAN HELP:



### LEADERS

Our team will facilitate the building of a comprehensive curriculum that purposefully connects standards, instruction, and assessment. Through participation in this process, leaders gain a deeper understanding of the standards, allowing them to support staff throughout the design related to formative and Next Generation Summative Assessments, and to prepare all students for college and careers.



### ELA & CONTENT AREA TEACHERS

Through a collaborative process, our team guides English language arts and content area teachers in building engaging curriculum that purposefully connects standards, instruction, and assessment. Teachers will deepen their knowledge of higher standards and uncover the key instructional shifts required to create a curriculum that includes formative, interim, and summative assessments.



### MATH TEACHERS

Set students up for mathematical success by providing their teachers with expert support and guidance in unpacking higher standards and building brand-new curriculum maps and units of study. The process purposefully connects standards, instruction, and assessment, providing educators with the skills and knowledge they need to design engaging learning activities that are linked to formative, interim, and summative assessments, and to prepare students for college and careers.



#### Online Resources for Supporting Your Transition

**Leaders** empower teachers to transform their instruction for higher expectations and provide them with online professional learning opportunities targeted to specific areas.

**Teachers** develop their own high-quality instruction for success with higher standards and the Next Generation Assessments with comprehensive resources including online courses, unified lesson and assessment building tools, tutorials from instructional experts, and opportunities for peer-to-peer collaboration.

# Your Roadmap to Transform Curriculum & Instruction

Up to 30 participants per course  
☀️ three days ☀️ full day ☀️ half-day

MODULE  
1

## Building Knowledge of Instructional Shifts

MODULE  
2

## Designing Next Generation Curriculum

MODULE  
3

## Designing Next Generation Assessment

MODULE  
4

## Planning Instruction to Engage All Learners



LEADERS

☀️ **Leading Change: Transforming Curriculum for the Common Core**  
Strengthen expertise by analyzing the demands of higher standards and the intricate framework of the assessment consortia to effectively support the process that instructors will follow to align curriculum, assessment, and instruction.

☀️ **Leading Change: Implementing Next Generation Curriculum & Assessments**  
Enhance understanding of the Next Generation Assessments to support schools and teachers with implementing new assessments while simultaneously adapting instruction to meet the demands of increased rigor.



ELA & CONTENT  
AREA TEACHERS

☀️ **Deepening Understanding of the Common Core**  
Build a shared vision of work that is necessary to transform curriculum and instruction for higher standards and the Next Generation Assessments.

☀️ **Understanding Common Core Instructional Shifts**  
Examine the key instructional shifts for ELA and Content Area Literacy, including text complexity, text-dependent questions and tasks, academic vocabulary, argument writing, and research.

☀️ **Understanding Evidence-Centered Design**  
Deconstruct relevant standards and examine the consortia's overall claims and assessment targets in preparation to collaboratively plot a cohesive progression across units of study.

☀️ **Defining Student Evidence**  
Map and sequence assessment targets on a Pacing Calendar, determine priority standards for instruction, and ensure vertical articulation across grade levels.

☀️ **Building Units of Study**  
Work in grade-level cohorts to develop new units of study, including writing Big Ideas and Essential Questions.

☀️ **Navigating Next Generation Assessments**  
Build understanding of the Next Generation Assessments' structure and item types in preparation for designing comparable classroom assessments.

☀️ **Selecting Complex Texts for Instruction**  
Evaluate the complexity and quality of texts to select a range of literary and informational resources for the new units of study.

☀️ **Building Assessments Using Item Specifications**  
Design Next Generation Assessment items and performance tasks for new units of study using the guidelines in the assessment consortia's item specifications.

**Planning for Rigorous Learning Experiences**  
Design collaborative learning tasks using various stimuli and complete weekly planners for new units of study.

**Planning for Differentiation and Implementation**  
Complete the learning resources for the unit and consider both differentiation and implementation of the units of study.



MATH TEACHERS

☀️ **Deepening Understanding of the Common Core**  
Build a shared vision of work that is necessary to transform curriculum and instruction for higher standards and the Next Generation Assessments.

☀️ **Understanding Common Core Instructional Shifts**  
Examine the key instructional shifts that are necessary to implement higher standards for mathematics, including the evidence that demonstrates focus, coherence, and rigor.

☀️ **Building Units of Study**  
Work in grade-level cohorts to create a Unit Template, examine priority standards, and group standards into units of study.

☀️ **Creating a Pacing Calendar**  
Work in grade-level cohort groups to sequence units of study into a Pacing Calendar and ensure vertical articulation by sharing across grade levels or courses.

☀️ **Defining a Focus Unit of Study**  
Deconstruct standards for a selected unit of study, articulating what students will know and be able to do by writing Big Ideas, Essential Questions, and "I can..." Statements.

☀️ **Navigating Next Generation Assessments**  
Build understanding of the Next Generation Assessments' structure and item types in preparation for designing comparable classroom assessments.

☀️ **Understanding and Designing Performance Task Assessment**  
Participate in a performance task experience to build understanding of these kinds of tasks by using a performance task builder.

☀️ **Building a Timeline of Assessments**  
Evaluate rigor of created tasks then build a corresponding rubric and an assessment timeline for the unit of focus.

**Planning for Rigorous Learning Experiences**  
Reflect on the kinds of tasks and instruction that contribute to an effective mathematics classroom that will support student learning. Use a common vision to align learning resources for the unit of focus.

**Planning for Differentiation and Implementation**  
Complete the learning resources for the unit and consider both differentiation and implementation of the units of study.

Module 4 delivery is customized based on school or district needs.

This roadmap suggests optimal timing, but can be customized to meet your needs.

TRANSFORM CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



# SUSTAIN EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE

## HOW WE CAN HELP:

Whether you have a handful or hundreds of teachers in need of additional support, we can provide the best in literacy, math, and leadership services to sustain effective instructional practice. With best-in-class courses, coaching, and lesson modeling, our education experts work with teachers and leaders to fill identified gaps in instructional practice.

With increasing demands for higher standards, the challenges around building best practice are greater than ever. It's no secret that sustaining effective instruction requires face-to-face and online resources to support relevant professional learning aligned to building and district goals.

For a full list of offerings, contact your SAP representative or call **1.800.387.1437 ext. 6341**.

## BUILD DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE



Discipline-specific courses facilitated by a Scholastic expert help teachers establish a common framework for implementing higher standards, whether they are teaching science, math, English, social studies, or the arts. Our consultants explain the pedagogy behind these new standards and help teachers put best practices to work.

*Also be sure to ask about our Foundational Reading Series for Grades K-3.*

## SEE BEST PRACTICES IN ACTION



Lesson modeling delivered by a Scholastic expert helps bring more rigorous and relevant instruction to life in the classroom. Our consultants provide a richly structured process that engages teachers in reviewing instructional strategies, observing those strategies in action, and learning how to apply the new skills in their own classrooms.

## PROVIDE SIDE-BY-SIDE COACHING

One-on-one customized coaching with a Scholastic team member helps teachers implement and monitor instructional strategies and assessments that align with the new higher standards. Our consultants work with teachers through pre- and post-conferencing to identify needs and set instructional goals, provide observation and feedback, and facilitate data analysis.



# EMPOWER YOUR TEAMS WITH DIGITAL LEARNING TOOLS



Nextpert is an online toolkit that delivers digital learning opportunities to support your transition by complementing all professional learning initiatives in districts for teachers and leaders.

No matter where you are in your transition to higher standards, Nextpert empowers all educators to build their own lessons and assessments, acquire new skills, and expand their support networks.

## Nextpert Can Help:

- ◆ **Identify Needs & Build a Plan**  
Access high-rigor, application-based lessons and assessments to show the shifts in instructional demands.
- ◆ **Transform Curriculum & Instruction**  
Uncover shifts between current and higher standards.  
Utilize robust and easy-to-use builder tools that guide creation of rigorous and engaging lessons and assessment items.
- ◆ **Sustain Effective Practice**  
Gain access to instructional experts who support educators in adapting curriculum and instruction.  
Collaborate with colleagues and share best practices.



## NEXT STEPS?

- ◆ Contact your Scholastic representative to get help today.
- ◆ Visit [scholastic.com/sap/commoncore](https://scholastic.com/sap/commoncore) to explore all our services.
- ◆ Receive a FREE consultation with our data experts.

## TAKE ACTION!

CONTACT A SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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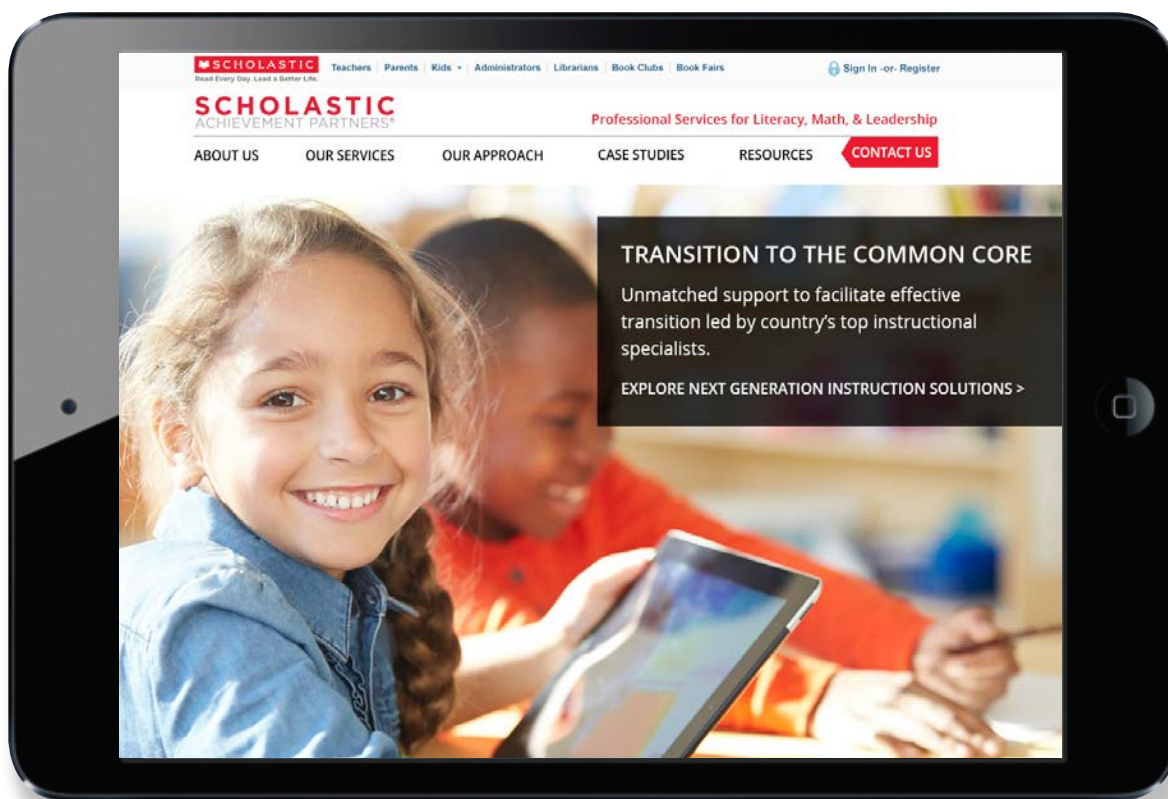
or visit [scholastic.com/sap/commoncore](https://scholastic.com/sap/commoncore) to create your customized transition plan.







# Student Success Solutions At Your Fingertips!



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to learn more about our work helping schools and districts  
like yours make a successful transition to higher standards.

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and get help from us today.

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