

### **Navigating Pennsylvania's Core Standards Alignment:**

In July of 2010, the State Board of Education adopted Common Core Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics in an effort to ensure the alignment of teaching standards throughout the state of Pennsylvania and along with 44 other states. The Common Core State Standards or (CCSS) were developed to address the following areas for K-12 students: career and college readiness, clear and uniform standards across all grade levels, alignment with current state standards, and enhanced course/content rigor for all students.

Pennsylvania academic standards were between 85 and 90 percent aligned to the Common Core, but some shifts will be necessary at the state and local level to ensure full alignment with these new, more rigorous academic standards.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has also developed draft versions of the anticipated Pennsylvania Common Core standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics for grades K-5 and 6-12 respectively. As of November 6th 2012, PDE also added Common Core standards related to reading and writing for Science and Technical Subjects as well as History and Social Studies pertaining for grades 6-12.

The Huntingdon School District takes seriously its mission to prepare all students to lead and succeed in the 21st century. We are optimistic that the Common Core Standards will lead to further enhancement of our educational program and look forward to incorporating them into our work.

### **Websites/References:**

[www.pdesas.org/standard/commoncore](http://www.pdesas.org/standard/commoncore)

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