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School District**

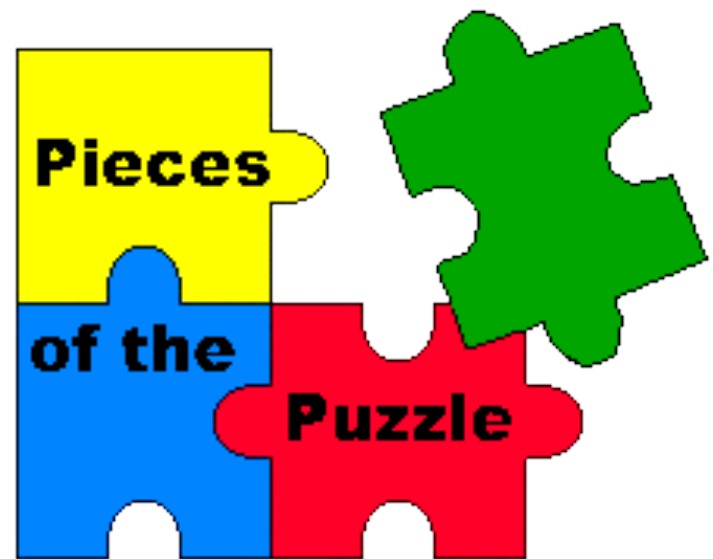
**MAKING  
CONNECTIONS:  
PA Core Standards**

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# How do we make sense of the PA Core Standards and begin to align ourselves to them?

- We know what the pieces of the puzzle are.
- We need to bring all the pieces together to achieve student success.
- First, we need to know **where we are** and **where we're going**.



# PA Core Standards

- PA Core Standards for K-12
- Focus on learning expectations for students, not how students get there.

PA Core Standards  
English Language Arts & Literacy

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards

**Foundational Skills**

A necessary component of an effective, comprehensive reading program designed to develop proficient readers.

**Reading Informational Text**

Enables students to read, understand, and respond to informational texts.

**Reading Literature**

Enables students to read, understand, and respond to literature.

**Writing**

Develops the skills of informational, argumentative, and narrative writing as well as the ability to engage in evidence based analysis of text and research.

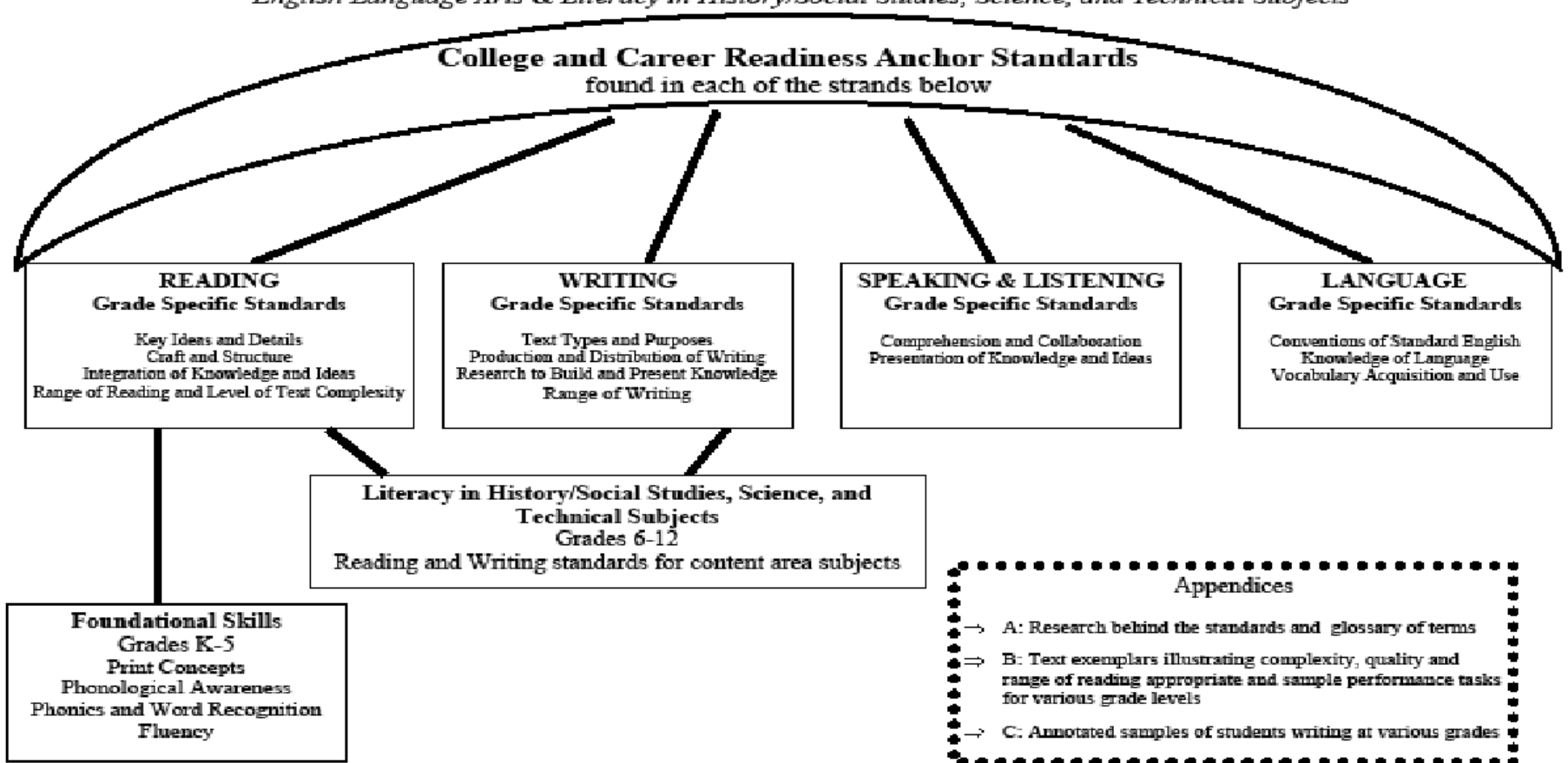
**Speaking & Listening**

Focuses students on communication skills that enable critical listening and effective presentation of ideas.

# Common Core Standards

*English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects*

## College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards found in each of the strands below



**READING**  
Grade Specific Standards

Key Ideas and Details  
Craft and Structure  
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas  
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

**WRITING**  
Grade Specific Standards

Text Types and Purposes  
Production and Distribution of Writing  
Research to Build and Present Knowledge  
Range of Writing

**SPEAKING & LISTENING**  
Grade Specific Standards

Comprehension and Collaboration  
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

**LANGUAGE**  
Grade Specific Standards

Conventions of Standard English  
Knowledge of Language  
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

**Foundational Skills**  
Grades K-5

Print Concepts  
Phonological Awareness  
Phonics and Word Recognition  
Fluency

**Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and  
Technical Subjects**  
Grades 6-12

Reading and Writing standards for content area subjects

- Appendices**
- A: Research behind the standards and glossary of terms
  - B: Text exemplars illustrating complexity, quality and range of reading appropriate and sample performance tasks for various grade levels
  - C: Annotated samples of students writing at various grades

**PEDAGOGICAL SHIFTS DEMANDED  
BY THE ELA CCSS AND PA CORE STANDARDS**

**Balancing Informational and Literary Text**

**Building Knowledge in the Disciplines 6-12**

**Staircase of Text Complexity**

**Text-Dependent Questions/Answers**

**Writing From Sources**

**Building Academic Vocabulary**

## *6 Shifts* in ELA/Literacy

Balancing Informational and Literary Text

Building Knowledge in the Disciplines

Staircase of Complexity

Text-based Answers

Writing from Sources

Academic Vocabulary

## *6 Shifts* in Mathematics

Focus

Coherence

Fluency

Deep Understanding

Applications

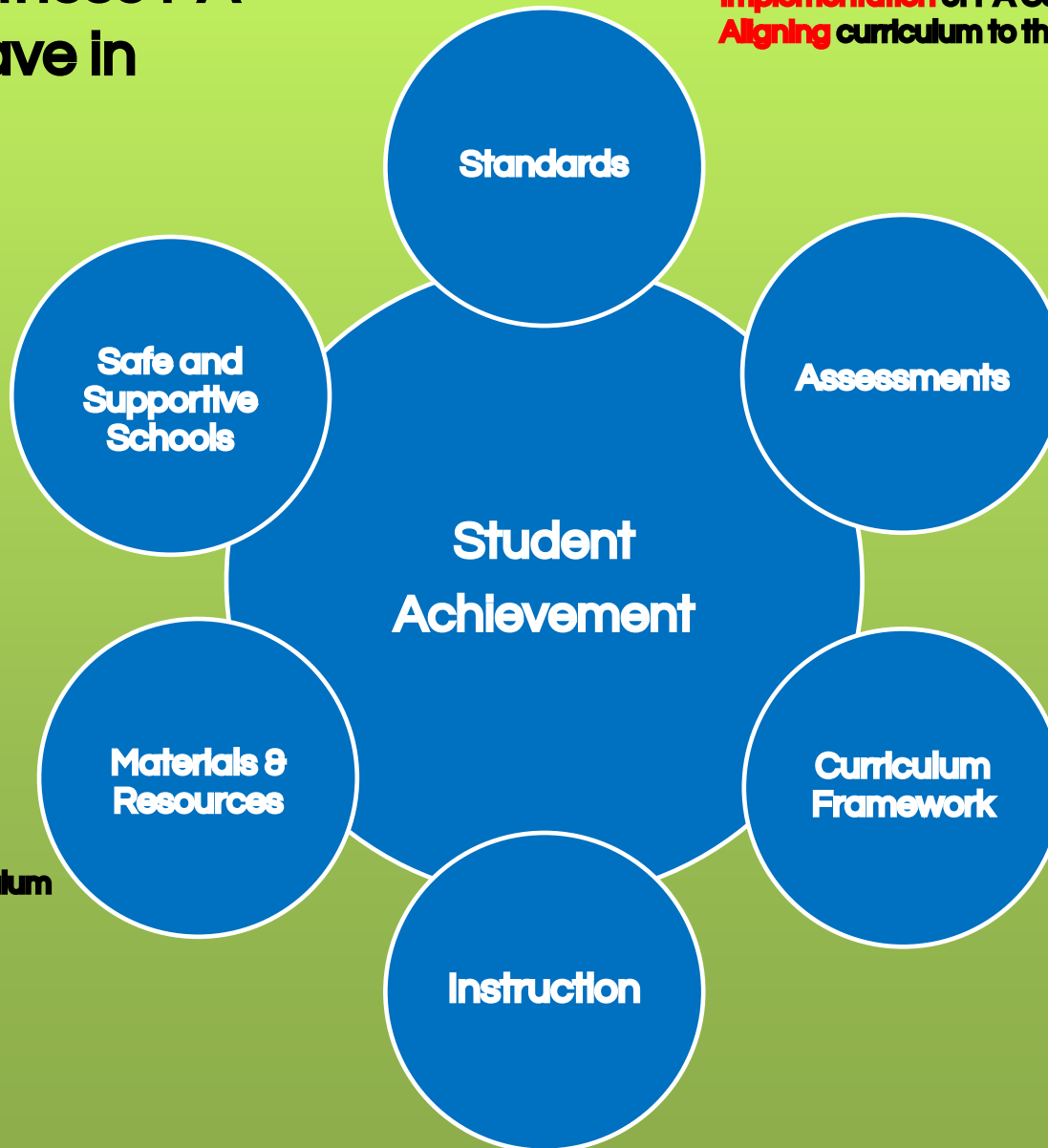
Dual Intensity

# What do all these PA initiatives have in common?

**Implementation** of PA Core State Standards  
**Aligning** curriculum to the PA Core Standards

School **Engagement**  
School **Safety**  
School **Environment**  
School **Climate**  
**Parent** Involvement

Content Resources  
Technology Resources  
Grade Level Resources  
Subgroup Resources  
Learning Progressions  
Voluntary Model Curriculum



Summative Data  
Formative Data  
Benchmark Data  
Diagnostic Data  
Achievement/Growth Data  
Multiple Measures of Data  
CDT  
PSSAs  
Keystones  
Project Based Assessment  
Graduation Requirements  
High School Reporting

Curriculum Mapping  
Understanding by Design  
School **Improvement**  
Comprehensive **Planning**

Response to Intervention and Instruction, Educator Effectiveness (teacher, specialists, principal), Professional Learning Communities, Current Research/Best Practices, STEM, Interventions, Keystones to Opportunity, Instructional Coaching, Penn Literacy Network, ELL



# PA Core Implementation



# Building Capacity



- The standards are like the building code. Architects and builders must attend to them but they are not the purpose of their design...the house to be built or renovated is designed to meet the needs of the client in a functional and pleasing manner-while also meeting the building code along the way. (Wiggins and McTighe)

# Why PA Core Standards?

- Focused and coherent
- Includes rigorous content and application of knowledge through high- order skills
- Nationally benchmarked
- Based on evidence and research

# Why PA Core Standards?

- Standards across Pennsylvania
- Global competition
- Today's jobs require different skills
- College and Career Ready



**We are working together to provide the  
best educations for ALL students!**

