



EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

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Student Success in the Common Core Classroom: Meeting the Standards through Deeper Learning



“We’re leaving the workshop seeing the possibility of brilliance in every student in every school, every day.”

Professional Development Participant, Albany, NY

Strong implementation of the Common Core requires new teacher capacity and a new student mindset. This change calls for a different approach to professional development for teachers and leaders, one in which they actively experience the instructional shifts demanded in the Common Core Classroom in close reading, analytical writing, and academic vocabulary.

In a Common Core/College and Career-Ready Classroom:

- Students read for evidence and write with evidence. They demonstrate independence and critical thinking.
- Students understand clear learning outcomes and continuously track their progress with their teachers.
- Teachers and students use multiple data sources, including assessments, assignments, reflection, and critique in data-informed learning.

Why Expeditionary Learning?

- EL is a practitioner-led organization with a 20-year history of transforming the capacity of novice and veteran teachers. The National Staff Development Council has cited our unique approach to professional learning as exemplary.
- EL is a leader in Common Core implementation, working with the authors of the Common Core State Standards to build model secondary curriculum aligned to the standards.
- New York chose EL to create the state’s Common Core ELA curriculum for grades 3-5 and deliver Common Core professional development to every district.

Developing capacity to use the Common Core for personalized, deeper learning



EL's Unique Professional Development Combines the “What” and “How” of Common Core Implementation

A Different Kind of Professional Development

- Teachers and leaders work in teams—reading for evidence and writing with evidence, explaining and critiquing ideas—as they learn about the Common Core. They model a powerful Common Core classroom for every student.
- EL tailors professional learning to all roles—teachers, instructional coaches, and school and district leaders—so that they can support an effective, systemic approach to Common Core implementation.

Exemplary Common Core Curriculum

- Teachers work through curriculum modules developed in partnership with the authors of the Common Core and master teachers.
- Curriculum modules for elementary, middle, and high school are teacher- and student-friendly and adaptable to different learners.
- Curriculum modules combine academic content with EL's proven instructional practices that lead to high achievement.

Supporting Resources

- Teachers use EL's Teacher Toolkits to connect key instructional and assessment practices to strong Common Core learning.
- EL's instructional videos, taken from all types of high-achieving schools and all grade levels, help teachers bring the Common Core to life in their classrooms.
- EL's national archive of high-quality student work offers teachers inspiring models that express the full potential of meeting Common Core standards.

For more information or to schedule professional development in your district or area, contact Scott Mengel, Chief Growth Officer, at smengel@elschools.org or 212-239-4455.

Expeditionary Learning's professional development is aligned to RTT-D guidelines: more at www.elschools.org/RTTD

