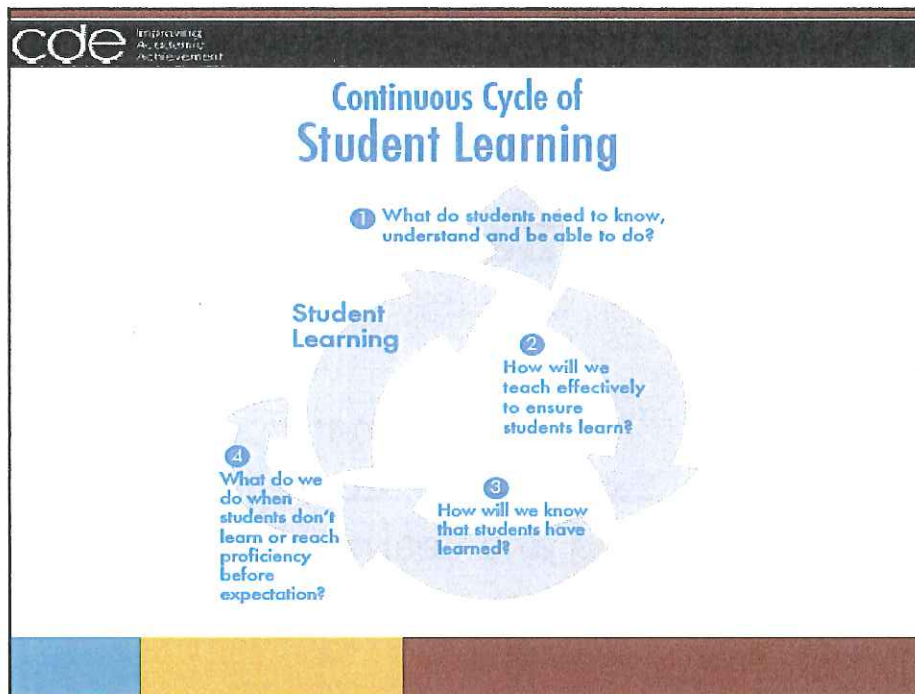


Standards Based Education

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Standards Based Education: Guided by Four Simple Questions

- What do students need to know and be able to do?
- How do we effectively teach to ensure students learn?
- How do we know if students are learning?
- What do we do if students don't learn or if they are already performing at or above proficiency?



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Why Standards?


Standards:

- Articulate the knowledge and skills needed for postsecondary and workforce readiness
- Allow for a coherent education system
- Encourage collaboration among educators on best practices and research
- Promote alignment of instructional materials
- Support comprehensive and consistent assessment system
- Ease student mobility

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Why New Standards?


- Continued unacceptable achievement gaps, high drop out rates, high remediation rates
- Not sufficient for preparation for workforce and citizenship
- Need for preparation in technology and skills necessary for 21st century
- Unintended consequence, singular focus on reading and math
- Next generation standards must consider needs of the whole student by creating a rich and balanced curriculum
- Preparation for many postsecondary options, different careers, technical training, workforce



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Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids

A Vision for Colorado's Next Generation Standards Based System

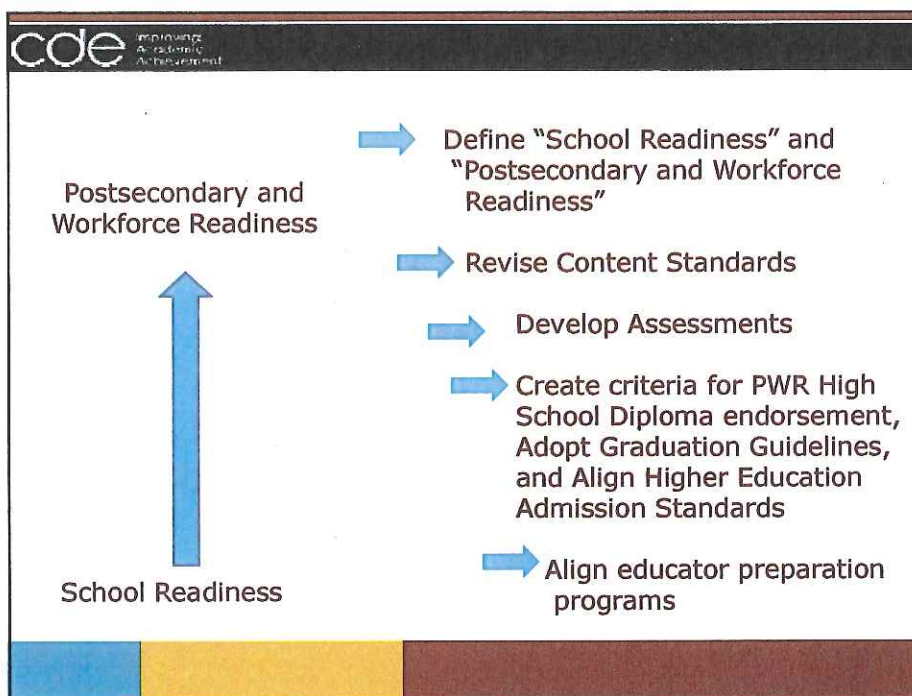


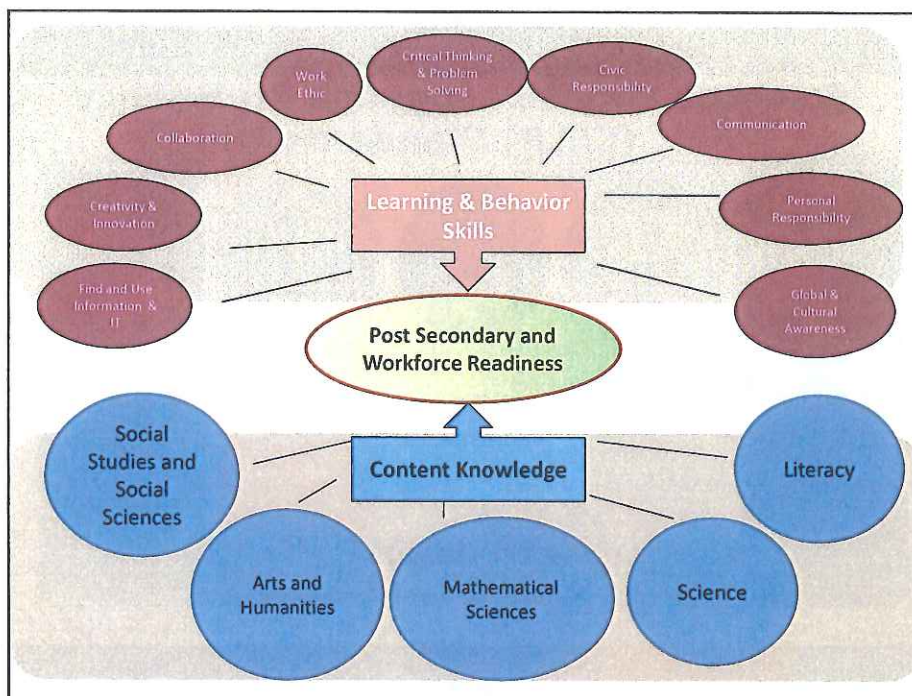
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Goal of SB 08-212 (CAP4K)

CAP4K sets forth a common purpose for Colorado's education system: readying all students for postsecondary and workforce success by improving Colorado's public education by aligning preschool through postsecondary expectations. This includes:

- alignment of ECE, K-12, and Higher Education standards,
- moving Colorado's education system into the 21st century,
- adopting of definitions for school readiness, postsecondary and workforce readiness, and 21st century skills, and
- assuring that more students are ready for postsecondary options.



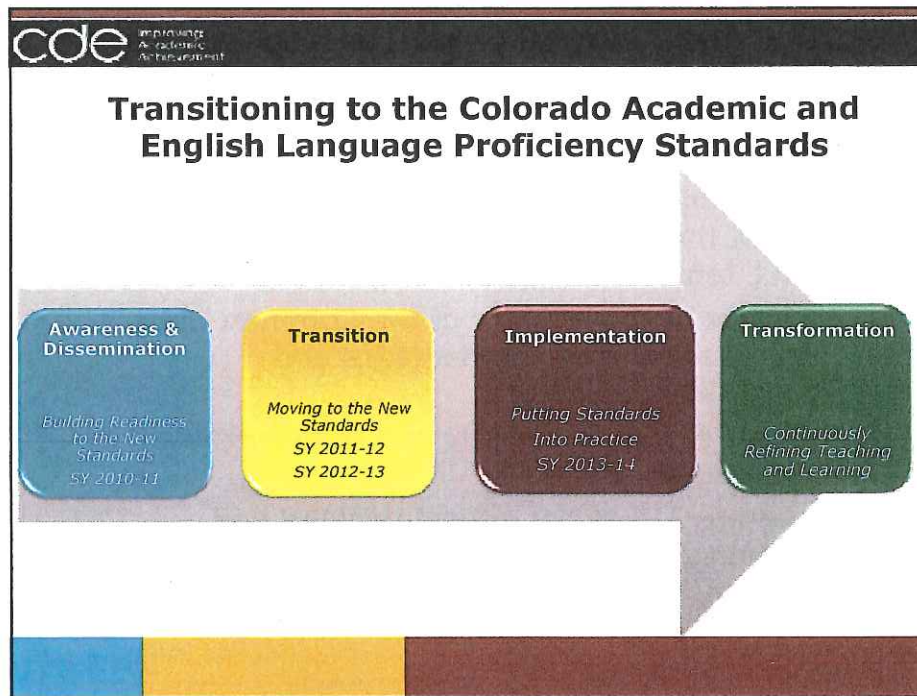
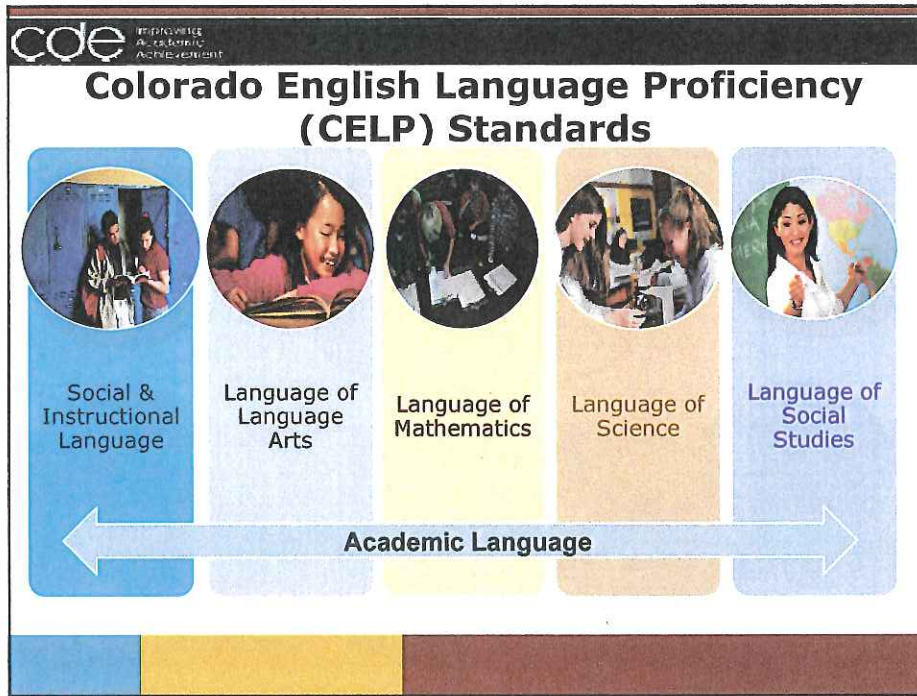


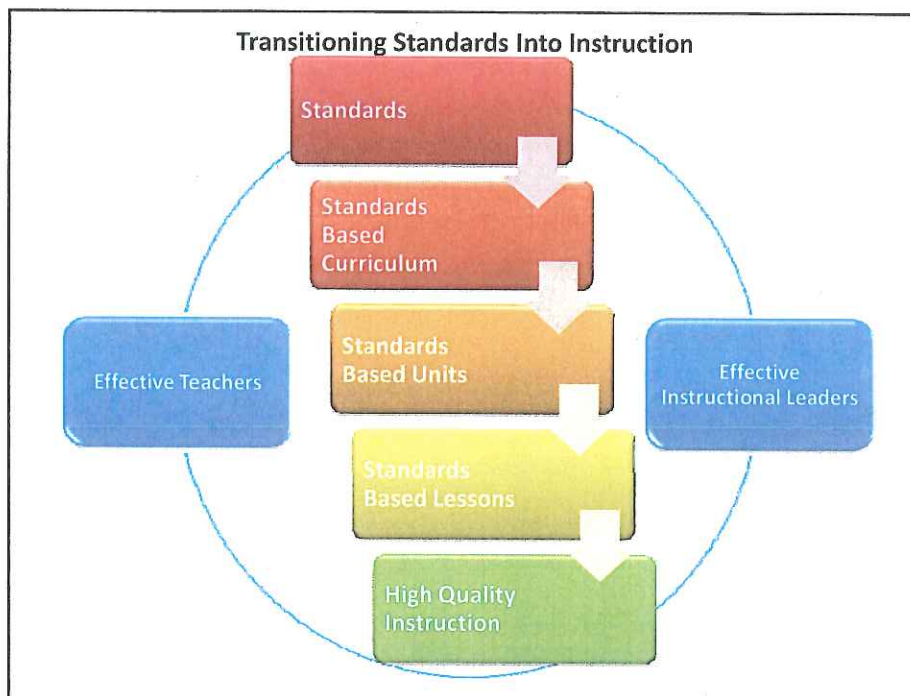
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Next Generation Standards

Colorado's new standards:

- Are nationally and internationally benchmarked against the highest performing states and nations in ALL ten content areas
- Inclusive of the entirety of the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and English/language arts
- Require students to apply and transfer their knowledge
- Integrate 21st skills: critical thinking and reasoning, invention, information literacy, self-direction, and collaboration





- "The ultimate goal of public education, whatever the student's post-high school aspirations may be or whatever they may become over time, is to ensure that, to the extent possible, each student is prepared to meet his or her full potential. To this end, the system of preschool through postsecondary public education, and the educators who ensure its success, should never cease in striving to help a student achieve mastery of both knowledge and skills."
- SB 08-212

