

Contents

List of Figures	vi
List of Reproducible Pages	vii
Digital Download Contents	ix
Introduction	1
CHAPTER 1: UNDERSTANDING THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS.	11
Tool #1–2: Close Reading and Examination of the CCSS	11
Tool #3–4: Foundational Features of the CCSS	14
Tool #5: Understanding Academic Language in the CCSS	20
Tool #6: Fulcrum and Focus Standards.....	24
CHAPTER 2: ANALYZING YOUR CURRENT STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM	27
Tool #7: Identifying Paradigm Shifts in the CCSS.....	27
Tool #8: Comparing the Standards	31
Tool #9: Gap Analysis	34
Tool #10: Curriculum Audit	37
Tools #11–12: Curriculum Strengths and Weaknesses.....	40
CHAPTER 3: TRANSITIONING TO THE COMMON CORE.	47
Tool #13: Schoolwide Transition Plan.....	47
Tool #14: Identifying Needs while Transitioning.....	49
Tools #15–16: Mapping Curriculum.....	52
Tool #17: Compatible Curriculum Design for the CCSS.....	55
Tools #18–20: Sample Standards Matrices.....	58
CHAPTER 4: MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMON CORE.	63
Tool #21: Student-Centered Learning.....	64
Tool #22: Project-Based Learning 101.....	70
Tool #23: Writing Great Essential Questions.....	73
Tool #24: Basics of Argumentation	77
Tool #25: Evaluating Online Resources.....	80
CHAPTER 5: ADDRESSING TEXT COMPLEXITY AND VOCABULARY.	83
Tool #26: What Is Text Complexity?.....	83
Tool #27: Constructing a Reading List That Builds Text Complexity	86
Tools #28–30: Academic Vocabulary.....	89

CHAPTER 6: DIFFERENTIATING THE STANDARDS	95
Tool #31: Aligning Differentiated Instruction (DI) with the CCSS.....	95
Tool #32: Differentiated Instruction Checklist	98
Tool #33: Creating Differentiated Text Sets	100
Tools #34–35: Adapting the Standards.....	103
CHAPTER 7: SCHOOLWIDE COMMON CORE	109
Tool #36: Project Learning Community Planner	109
Tool #37: School Technology Implementation Planner.....	112
Tool #38: School Literacy Planner	115
Tool #39: Formative Assessment Planner	118
Tool #40: Master Assessment Schedule	123
Closing Thoughts and Advice.....	127
References and Resources.....	129
Appendix: Tool #18: The CCSS ELA Grades 3–8 Matrices	135
Index.....	226
About the Author	230

LIST OF FIGURES

FIGURE i.1: Literature vs. Informational Text in the Common Core.....	5
FIGURE i.2: Bloom’s Taxonomy and the Common Core State Standards	6
FIGURE 1.1: Reading Standards for Literature K–5.....	21
FIGURE 1.2: Example Tool #5: Understanding Academic Language in the CCSS	22
FIGURE 1.3: Example Tool #6: Fulcrum and Focus Standards	25
FIGURE 2.1: Example Tool #7: Identifying Paradigm Shifts in the CCSS.....	29
FIGURE 2.2: Example Tool #8: Comparing the Standards.....	32
FIGURE 2.3: Example Tool #9: Gap Analysis	35
FIGURE 2.4: Example Tool #10: Curriculum Audit	38
FIGURE 2.5: Example Tool #11: Curriculum Strengths	41
FIGURE 2.6: Example Tool #12: Curriculum Weaknesses	44
FIGURE 3.1: Example Tool #14: Identifying Needs while Transitioning.....	50
FIGURE 3.2: Example Tool #17: Compatible Curriculum Design for the CCSS	56
FIGURE 4.1: Student-Centered Focus in the ELA CCSS	65
FIGURE 4.2: Student-Centered Focus in the Math CCSS.....	66
FIGURE 4.3: Example Tool #21: Student-Centered Learning.....	67–68
FIGURE 4.4: Example Tool #22: Project-Based Learning 101	71
FIGURE 4.5: Example Tool #23: Writing Great Essential Questions.....	75
FIGURE 4.6: Example Tool #24: Basics of Argumentation—Math.....	78
FIGURE 4.7: Example Tool #25: Evaluating Online Resources.....	81
FIGURE 5.1: Example Tool #26: What Is Text Complexity?.....	84
FIGURE 5.2: Example Tool #27: Constructing a Reading List That Builds Text Complexity.....	87
FIGURE 6.1: Example Tool #31: Aligning Differentiated Instruction (DI) with the CCSS	96
FIGURE 6.2: Example Tool #33: Creating Differentiated Text Sets	101
FIGURE 6.3: Example Tool #34: Pump Up the Standard: Sophisticated Complexity	104
FIGURE 6.4: Example Tool #35: Ramp Up the Standard: Acceleration	107
FIGURE 7.1: Example Tool #36: Professional Learning Community Planner	110
FIGURE 7.2: Example Tool #37: School Technology Implementation Planner	113
FIGURE 7.3: Example Tool #38: School Literacy Planner	116
FIGURE 7.4: Formative Assessment Plan Overview: Six Steps to Creating a Formative Assessment Plan.....	119
FIGURE 7.5: Example Tool #40: Master Assessment Schedule.....	124

LIST OF REPRODUCIBLE PAGES

Download these forms at freespirit.com/CSG2CC-forms. Use the password **4etools**.

TOOL #1: Close Reading and Examination of the CCSS: ELA and Interdisciplinary Literacy.....	12
TOOL #2: Close Reading and Examination of the CCSS: Mathematics	13
TOOL #3: Foundational Features of the CCSS: ELA and Interdisciplinary Literacy, Grades K–12.....	17
TOOL #4: Foundational Features of the CCSS: Mathematics, Grades K–12	19
TOOL #5: Understanding Academic Language in the CCSS	23
TOOL #6: Fulcrum and Focus Standards.....	26
TOOL #7: Identifying Paradigm Shifts in the CCSS.....	30
TOOL #8: Comparing the Standards.....	33
TOOL #9: Gap Analysis.....	36
TOOL #10: Curriculum Audit	39
TOOL #11: Curriculum Strengths	42
TOOL #12: Curriculum Weaknesses.....	45
TOOL #13: Schoolwide Transition Plan	48
TOOL #14: Identifying Needs while Transitioning.....	51
TOOL #15: Mapping Curriculum: ELA and Interdisciplinary Literacy Unit Design.....	53
TOOL #16: Mapping Curriculum: Math Unit Design.....	54
TOOL #17: Compatible Curriculum Design for the CCSS	57
TOOL #18: The CCSS ELA Grade 2 Matrix Excerpt.....	59
TOOL #19: The CCSS Interdisciplinary Literacy Grades 9–10 Matrix Excerpt	60–61
TOOL #20: The CCSS Math Grade 8 Matrix Excerpt.....	62
TOOL #21: Student-Centered Learning	69
TOOL #22: Project-Based Learning 101	72
TOOL #23: Writing Great Essential Questions	76
TOOL #24: Basics of Argumentation	79
TOOL #25: Evaluating Online Resources.....	82
TOOL #26: What Is Text Complexity?	85
TOOL #27: Constructing a Reading List That Builds Text Complexity	88
RUBRIC: Determining Qualitative Measures for Informational Texts	91
TOOL #28: Academic Vocabulary: Tier One Sample Words.....	92
TOOL #29: Academic Vocabulary: Tier Two Sample Words.....	93

TOOL #30: Academic Vocabulary: Tier Three Sample Words.....	94
TOOL #31: Aligning Differentiated Instruction (DI) with the CCSS	97
TOOL #32: Differentiated Instruction Checklist.....	99
TOOL #33: Creating Differentiated Text Sets	102
TOOL #34: Pump Up the Standard: Sophisticated Complexity.....	105
TOOL #35: Ramp Up the Standard: Acceleration	108
TOOL #36: Professional Learning Community Planner.....	111
TOOL #37: School Technology Implementation Planner.....	114
TOOL #38: School Literacy Planner.....	117
TOOL #39: Formative Assessment Planner	120–122
TOOL #40: Master Assessment Schedule	125
APPENDIX: Tool #18: The CCSS ELA Grades 3–8	135

DIGITAL DOWNLOAD CONTENTS

Download these forms at freespirit.com/CSG2CC-forms. Use the password **4etools**.

Forms from the Book (see List of Reproducible Pages on pages vii–viii)

Bonus Materials (*denotes forms that are also included in the Appendix of this book)

TOOL #18: THE CCSS ELA GRADES K-12 MATRICES

Kindergarten English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 1 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 2 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 3 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grade 4 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grade 5 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grade 6 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grade 7 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grade 8 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards*

Grades 9–10 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grades 11–12 English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grades 6–8 Writing Common Core State Standards

Grades 9–10 Writing Common Core State Standards

Grades 11–12 Writing Common Core State Standards

TOOL #19: THE CCSS INTERDISCIPLINARY LITERACY GRADES 6-12 MATRICES

Grades 6–8 History and Social Studies Common Core State Standards

Grades 6–8 Science and Technical Subjects Common Core State Standards

Grades 9–10 History and Social Studies Common Core State Standards

Grades 9–10 Science and Technical Subjects Common Core State Standards

Grades 11–12 History and Social Studies Common Core State Standards

Grades 11–12 Science and Technical Subjects Common Core State Standards

TOOL #20: THE CCSS MATH GRADES K-12 MATRICES

Kindergarten English Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 1 Math Common Core State Standards

Grade 2 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 3 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 4 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 5 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards

Grade 6 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards
Grade 7 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards
Grade 8 Math Language Arts Common Core State Standards
Grades 9–12 Number and Quantity Common Core State Standards
Grades 9–12 Algebra Common Core State Standards
Grades 9–12 Functions Common Core State Standards
Grades 9–12 Geometry Common Core State Standards
Grades 9–12 Statistics and Probability Common Core State Standards