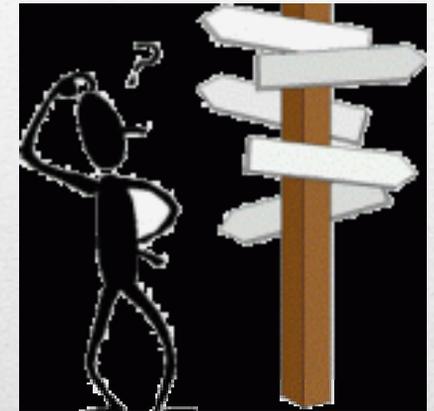


Common Core and PARCC

New Standards?

- There have always been standards
 - Before Common Core was NJCCCS
 - Before that was organizations
- Common Core is the first national movement in standardization
- 44 states have chosen to use the Common Core standards as a basis for education



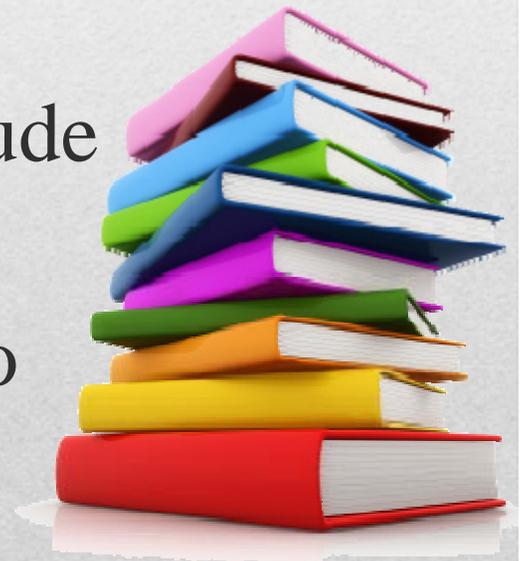


What is Common Core?

- A set of standards for K-12 classrooms
 - Covers Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Designed to prepare students for college and careers beyond high school
 - Designed by teachers, administrators, colleges, and experts in content and education
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Language Arts

- Ensures students are able to read and interpret text as well as communicate ideas
- Expectations include raising text complexity and question difficulty
- Offers standards for fields that include non-fiction reading
- Designed to help students be able to analyze text critically



Shifts to Common Core

Complexity:
Regular practice
with complex text
and its academic
language.

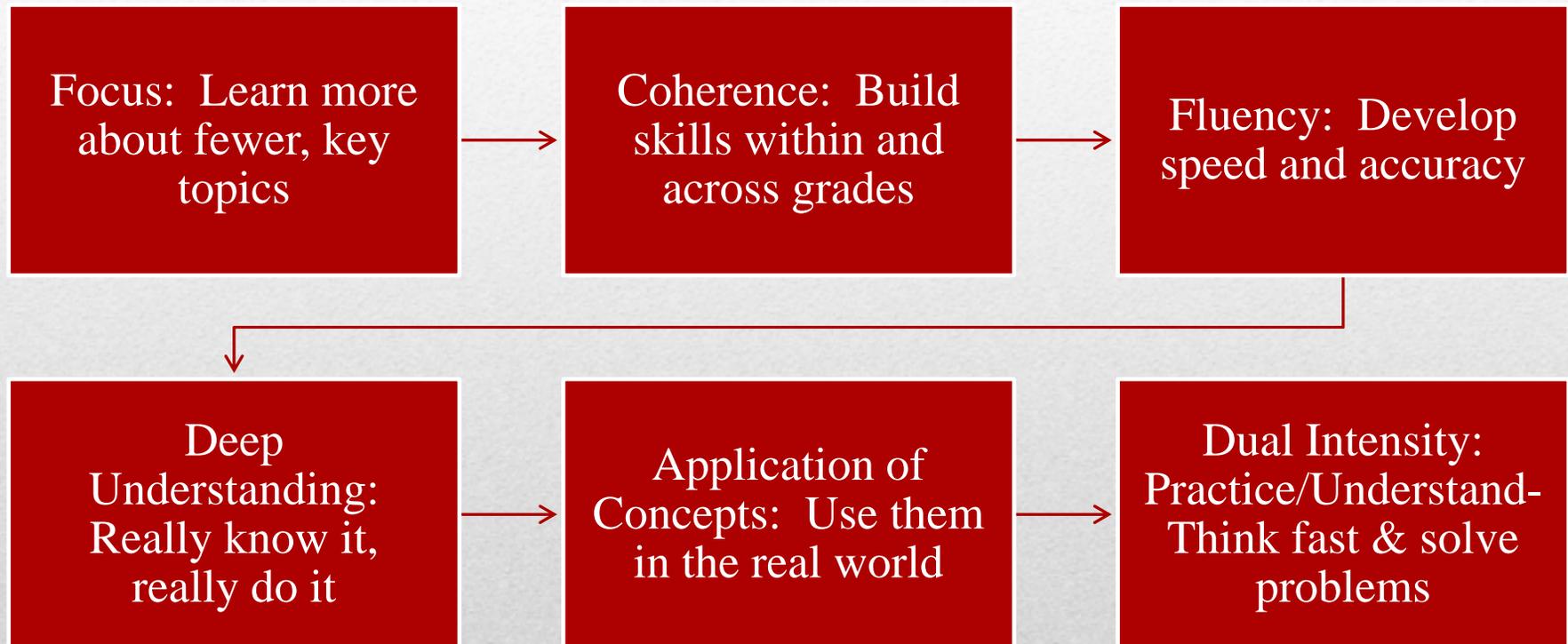
Knowledge:
Building
knowledge
through
content rich
nonfiction.

Evidence:
Reading and
writing
grounded in
evidence from
text, literary and
informational.

Mathematics

- Provides a guide for learning math that covers fewer topics in greater depth
 - Students will *know* math, not just *do* math
 - Topics loop back and add on throughout grades K – 12
 - Ensures students are able to interpret real-world situations into math expressions
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Shifts to Common Core



PARCC

- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
 - Series of tests that assess students' mastery of the Common Core standards
 - Created by states involved in the partnership to fulfill No Child Left Behind
 - Divided into Performance-Based Assessment and End of Year
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Changes

All students
grades 9-11 will
sit for the PARCC
assessments

This is not a
major change
for Boonton
students

PARCC is
completely
computer based

All answers are
selected by
mouse or typed

Testing time is
different

Students do not
need to take all
tests at once

Dates

- Testing calendar represents times students CAN be testing
- PBA:
 - Between March 2 and March 27
 - Includes all types of questions
- EOY:
 - Between April 27 and May 22
 - Includes only machine scored questions



Math Tests

- Students are tested based on their current math class
- Times vary for PBA vs. EOY

Course	PBA	EOY
Algebra 1	90 & 75 minutes	80 & 75 minutes
Geometry	90 & 75 minutes	80 & 75 minutes
Algebra 2	90 & 75 minutes	90 & 75 minutes

Math Questions

- Multiple Choice
 - Still present, but can take other forms
 - Multiple answer, drag and drop
 - Fill-in
 - Students fill in number or expression
 - Reasoning
 - Students justify their answer
 - Application
 - Students find a solution to a real world problem
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LAL Tests

- Students are tested based on their current grade level
- PBA is tested over three days, rather than two
- All grade levels have the same length tests
- Times vary for PBA vs. EOY

Grade	PBA	EOY
9 th – 11 th Grade	75, 90, & 60 minutes	60 & 60 minutes

Performance Based



Literary

- Student is asked to read a passage and compose an reaction essay with passage evidence



Narrative

- Given prompt, student is asked to write story, historical account, or scientific process



Research

- Student is asked to write an essay integrating multimedia sources and informational reading



End of Year

- Literary analysis
 - Similar to critical reading questions of other standardized tests
 - Will involve analysis of a nonfiction piece
 - History, science, and/or technology
 - Vocabulary questions are integrated into all parts of assessment
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Graduation Requirements

- NCLB outlines that students must pass a rigorous assessment to graduate
- State acknowledges that that lack of prior testing makes setting a proficiency bar difficult
- NJ has offered alternatives to proficiency

Test	PSAT	SAT	ACT
Score Required	40	400	16

Questions?

- Updates to the PARCC are frequently released by the state
 - We will keep you updated through edline, e-blasts and letters home
 - Any questions about Common Core or the PARCC assessments?
 - If you think of one later,
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