

## The Iowa Core at Manson Northwest Webster

Manson Northwest Webster has begun implementing the Iowa Core through the guidance of the Department of Education and Prairie Lakes AEA. Iowa's students deserve an education that helps them succeed in today's technology rich, global economy. The Iowa Core (formerly known as the Iowa Core Curriculum and the Model Core Curriculum) provides academic expectations for all Iowa's K-12 students. It does so by helping teachers take learning to a deeper level by focusing on a well-researched set of standards in literacy and mathematics and essential concepts and skills in science, social studies, and 21st century learning (civic literacy, financial literacy, technology literacy, health literacy, and employability skills). The Iowa Core is not course-based, but rather is a student-based approach that supports high expectations for all students.

The vision for the Iowa Core is to ensure the success of each and every student by providing a world-class curriculum. The Iowa Core is designed to improve achievement of all students, preparing them for the world of work and lifelong learning. It identifies the essential content and instruction of critical content areas that all students must experience.

Further analysis reveals that the shift from a culture of teaching to a culture of learning would require a change in focus and environment. Content, instruction, and assessment must work together to develop the competencies and habits of mind that are essential for future success in college, careers, and citizenry in an increasingly complex and global society.

The Common Core State Standards in Literacy and Mathematics were integrated into the Iowa Core by Iowa State Board of Education action in 2010. All school districts and accredited nonpublic schools are required to fully implement the Iowa Core in grades 9-12 by July 1, 2012 and grades K-8 by the 2014-2015 school year.

The Department of Education's Iowa Core Homepage can be found at the following link.  
[http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2485&Itemid=4602](http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2485&Itemid=4602)