



# NEVADA READY!

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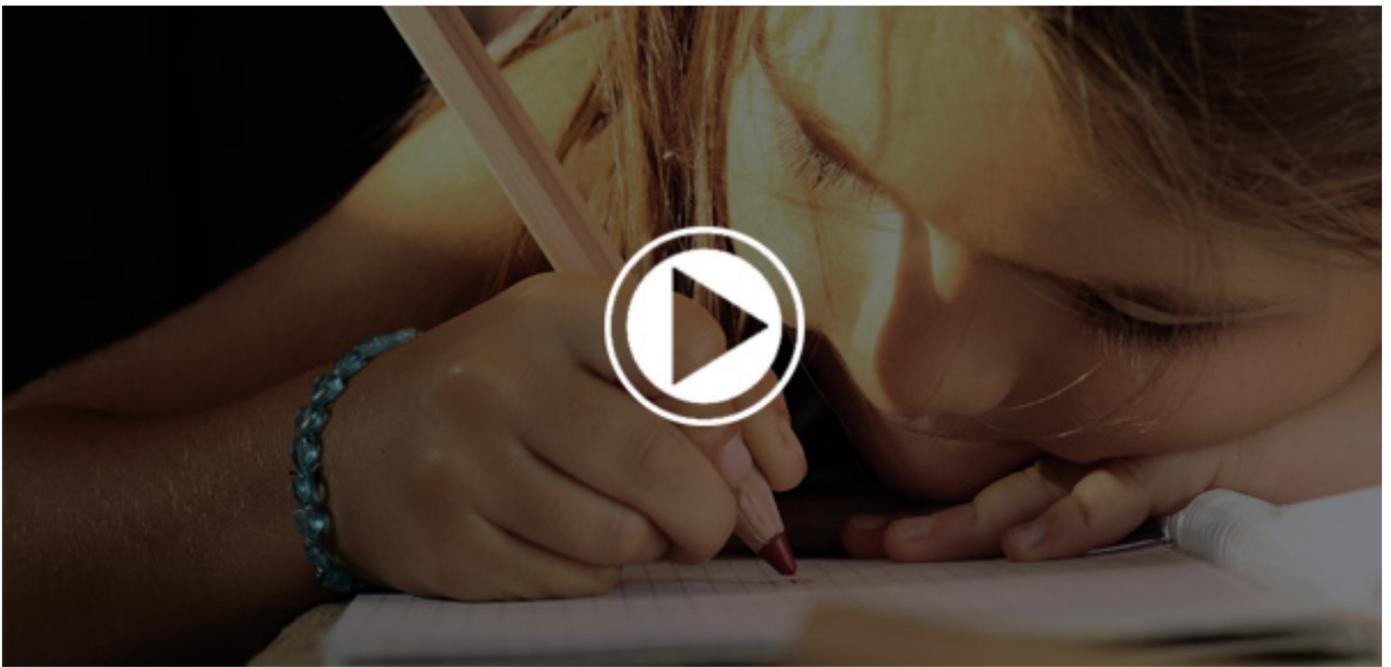
As you may know, in 2010 our state officially adopted the Common Core State Standards, which establish a single set of clear educational standards that outlines what students universally should know and be able to do in English language arts and mathematics from kindergarten through 12th grade. Like the pioneers we are, Nevada locally tailored these national benchmarks and goals and developed our own curriculum and instructional tools to assure that these collectively established standards fit the needs of our state's students. We call ours the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) in English language arts and mathematics.

The NVACS establishes the milestones our students need to reach at each level in order to succeed in the next grade and, eventually, graduate ready for college or a career. Our new common, contemplative and contemporary standards and assessments will lead to a stronger system of public education in Nevada because common standards lead to consistent students which lead to global competitiveness.

Our business communities have been looking to us to improve our education system to create a more competitive landscape with economic development. We heard these concerns and adopted new standards to have an intense focus on teaching our children the critical skills needed to succeed in the workplace. Through a comprehensive communications initiative, Nevada Ready! will give you tools to understand and effectively communicate our new standards to your colleagues, employees, family and friends and to anyone interested in knowing where our public schools are headed. So be on the look-out for more exciting and interactive communication tools from Nevada Ready!

We are excited to unveil to you today a short video produced by some of our state's educators who are sharing their thoughts about our new NVACS in English language arts and mathematics.

Check it out here...



There are several ways you can help. Please join us by visiting the Nevada Ready! website at [nevadaready.gov](http://nevadaready.gov) to find resources and information about the new standards that make Nevada's students Nevada Ready!; share this email with those on your list to help us communicate the Nevada Ready! initiative; and engage with [@NevadaReady](https://twitter.com/NevadaReady) on Twitter and on the [Nevada Ready Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaReady) page.

Thank you for embarking on this journey with us. This truly will be a statewide initiative and your support is key.

Sincerely,

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