

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PARTNERS

## What Common Core State Standards Say (and **DON'T** Say) about Kindergarten

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"The Standards should be recognized for what they are not as well as what they are."

-From the Common Core English Language Arts/Literacy Standards, page 6

### What's Covered and What's Not

#### The Standards Cover

Outcomes  
K-12  
Math & ELA / Literacy  
Academic goals  
Goals for each grade  
What students should learn

#### The Standards Don't Cover

Teaching methods or curricular choices  
Pre-K or pre-school  
Science or Social Studies content standards  
Social-emotional goals  
How to meet individual student needs  
How students should learn

