



August Core Advocate News!

As summer is coming to an end, we at Student Achievement Partners are excited about the upcoming school year. In this edition of the Core Advocate Newsletter, we have learning opportunities and resources to help you get started with the school year. We are looking forward to engaging with Core Advocates throughout the year!

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Core Advocate Learning

Webinars

Monthly Core Advocate Webinar Series

We are excited about the 2018 fall and winter lineup of webinars we have in store for Core Advocates! Mark your calendars and invite colleagues to join you the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. ET for learning, collaboration, and an opportunity to hear from Core Advocates about their classrooms and schools! Topics include:

- September 12: Leveraging Pear Deck to Actively Engage Students
- October 3: Setting and Keeping Professional Learning Goals
- November 7: Math Language Routines – The What, the Why, the How
- December 5: Literacy Topic TBD
- January 9: Foundational Skills Instruction in Action

September Core Advocate Mini-Webinar

Leveraging Pear Deck to Actively Engage Students

Take your lessons to the next level and see your students interact with instructional content in real-time using the free version of Pear Deck. In this mini-webinar, you'll learn how to create presentations and interactive student activities that allow teachers to monitor an entire classes' work at once. You'll learn how to use the tool to observe trends, understand students' thought processes, identify where you need to give more support, and more. Discover the many possibilities this user-friendly platform provides to creatively engage your students with standards-aligned content. [Join us](#) on Wednesday, September 8 for this mini-webinar from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. ET!

Register for the September Core Advocate Mini-Webinar!

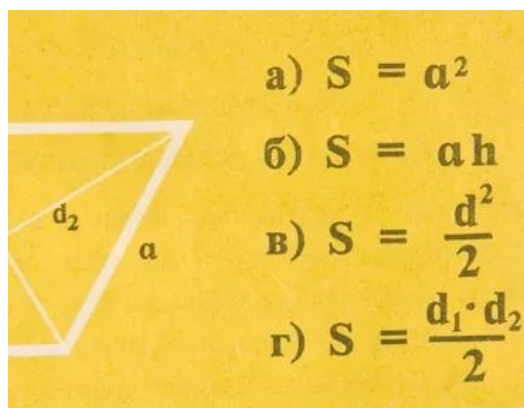
Virtual Learning

[#HiveSummit](#) is a free, 14 day virtual educational conference starting on August 1st. Even if you miss the first few sessions, you can still join in and watch the professional development videos from the sessions you missed. It is a great way to earn CEUs and merge technology knowledge with strong content knowledge.

In the News

A Bold Effort to End Algebra Tracking Shows Promise

Four years ago, school district leaders did something counterintuitive in this tech-laden metropolis, where STEM isn't just a buzzword but practically a way of life. They got rid of accelerated middle-school math classes. The 56,000-student district's theory of action is clear: Math is by far the most heavily tracked course in the American secondary education system, and the ramifications for students of color are life-altering. Read [this EdWeek article](#) to find out more about SFUSD's effort to end high school math tracking and how it has gone so far.



Showcasing Our Network

Question of the Month

This Month

What strategies do you use at the beginning of the school year to get to know your students, both personally and academically?

Submit for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card

Last Month

Question: What topic would you like to see in an upcoming Core Advocate Webinar?

Winning Answer:

"A webinar that shares an approach for using the Coherence Map to bridge the gaps when students are missing prerequisite skills would be helpful. I know how to navigate the map, and find the missing pieces, but I'm looking for application ideas and what that time and space could look like in my 5th grade classroom while also attending to my current standards."

– Samantha Hulsman

Other Noteworthy Answers:

"Using Sources for Social Studies and Science and Social Studies–Connections to ELA"
–Erica Guillory

"I would like to have a webinar on Remediation Through Grade Level Content – Math. I have presented a workshop on this and used the Coherence Map as a good tool to help teachers determine what foundational standards may need to be remediated to help students learn the grade level standard. I would appreciate input from other Core Advocates on this topic."

–Ann M VanSickle

"I'd like to see a webinar on backward design specific to writing instruction."

–K. L. Bryant

Showcasing Instructional Advocacy

Instructional Advocacy Action Form Spotlight

Core Advocates from around the country are making an impact on educators and students through their instructional advocacy. We love to hear stories about the great work being done by Core Advocates in classrooms, schools, districts, states, and beyond! You can share your stories by filling out the quick [Instructional Advocacy Action Form](#) survey each time you engage in work related to aligned instructional practice, materials, and assessment. Each month in the Core Advocate newsletter, we will be highlighting one of the responses. Be sure to tell us about your action for a chance to be selected and win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

July Spotlight

Margueritta Brown, a North Carolina Core Advocate, used the Instructional Practice Toolkit with her state union, North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), and with aspiring National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), to reflect on where they are on their teacher evaluation rubric and the NBCT Competency Rubric to plan ways to be distinguished educators and NBCTs. Margueritta reported working with over 135 North Carolina educators! Thank you for your instructional advocacy, Margueritta!

Share your Instructional Advocacy!

Resources

Classroom Connections

New Aligned Blog Post: Creating and Sequencing Text-Dependent Questions to Support English Language Learners

As you think about your new class of students this fall and meeting their needs to reach the Shifts required by college- and career-ready standards, look no further than the new and modified resources available on Achieve the Core. [This Aligned blog post](#) will get you started in helping English Language Learners access complex text!



Plan Professional Learning for the School Year Using the Knowledge and Practice Survey!

[The Knowledge and Practice Survey](#) is a tool for educators to reflect on their instructional practice and understanding of the Shifts required by college- and career-ready standards. Designed for use in a professional learning community (PLC) setting within a school, the survey is meant to spark conversation, identify areas for growth, and offer concrete ways for teams of teachers to continue to align their practice to the Shifts. Let this survey guide your professional learning planning this year!

Bulletin Board

Get Involved

[Back to School Show and Tell](#)

Achieve the Core has officially kicked off our Back to School Show and Tell campaign! We'd love for you to join us via social media to share your favorite Achieve the Core resource with your fellow educators. Make sure to tag fellow teachers, use [#CoreAdvocates](#) to share with the network, and tag us here [@achievethecore](#) so we can

follow along!

Highlighting Core Advocates on Twitter

We will be featuring different Core Advocates to highlight the great standards-aligned work they are sharing via our social media channels! Want to be featured? Make sure to tag [@achievethecore](#) and use [#CoreAdvocates](#) in your Twitter posts!

Job Opportunities

Mastery Charter Schools is hiring!

Mastery Charter Schools is a non-profit network of 26 schools serving 14,000 students in Philadelphia and Camden. The organization has job openings for a Deputy Chief Academic Officer of English Language Arts, Director of Early Literacy, and Director of Elementary and Middle Years Literacy. These are great opportunities for Core Advocates! To find out more about Mastery Charter Schools and apply for a position, see the [Mastery Charter Schools website!](#)

Upcoming Events

September 12

[Core Advocate Mini-Webinar](#)
[Pear Deck](#)

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET

October 3

[Core Advocate Webinar](#)
[Professional Learning Goals](#)

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET



Social Media Spotlight



Janine Fernandez @pinksmynk · Jul 3

Math teachers, if you do anything this summer, please check out the coherence map from [@achievethecore](#) It is well worth your time! [#flstandardsadvocates](#) [#coreadvocates](#)



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See the connections between math standards--within and across grade levels--with the free Coherence Map tool: bit.ly/2pFhwNN [#ownthelearning](#) [#iteachmath](#)





Literacy Lass ❤️ 📖 @LassReading · Jul 5

These are really wonderful, nutrient-rich reads! Perfect summer learning. 🌟

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Have you read any of our Summer Reading Club articles? These easy, 5-minute reads are filled with smart ideas you can put to use next school year! Don't forget to join the conversation with #BookSnaps #CoreAdvocates ...



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Brian Dean @FLMathNinja · Jul 11

Grade 6-8 teachers diving into the @achievethecore IPG for coaching.

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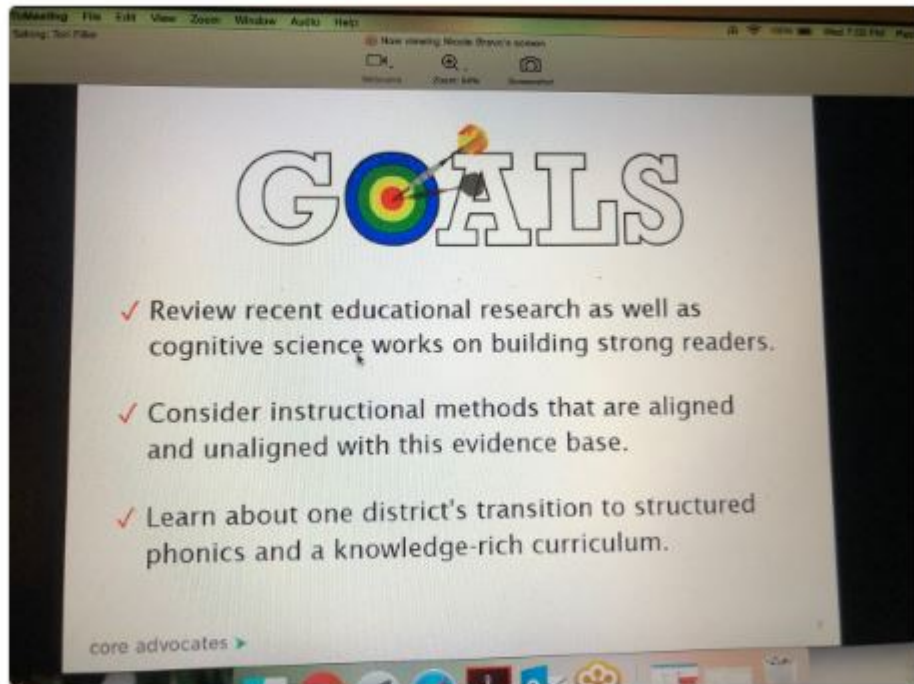
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Taylor Milburn @MrsMilburnNBCT · Jul 11

my first webinar with @achievethecore! 🙌 #coreadvocates



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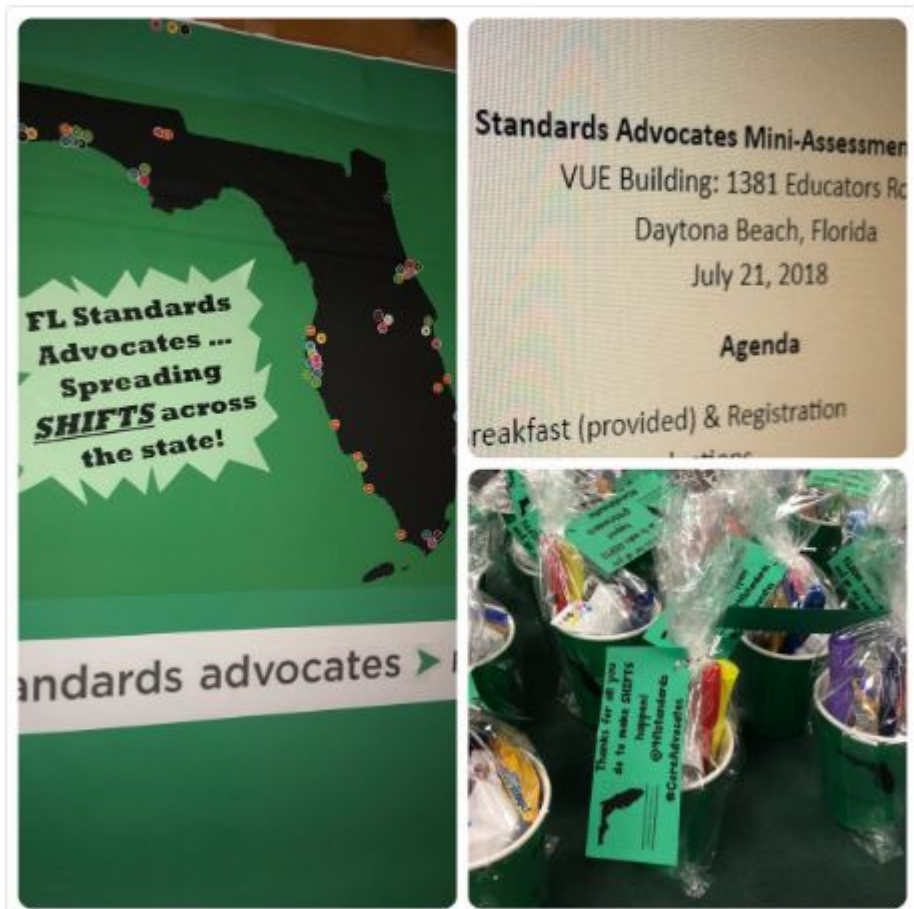




FL StandardsAdvocate @4flstandards · Jul 20



Excitement abounds in just a few hours @4flstandards #CoreAdvocates come together to collaborate & create mini-assessments to continue to make #SHIFTS happen! @LauraP1215 @segarrac @dvmdvm1 @MrsAmyDempsey @auspies @fl_junebug @sharon_ussery @RBobinchuck @SRamanteach @LLynnMath

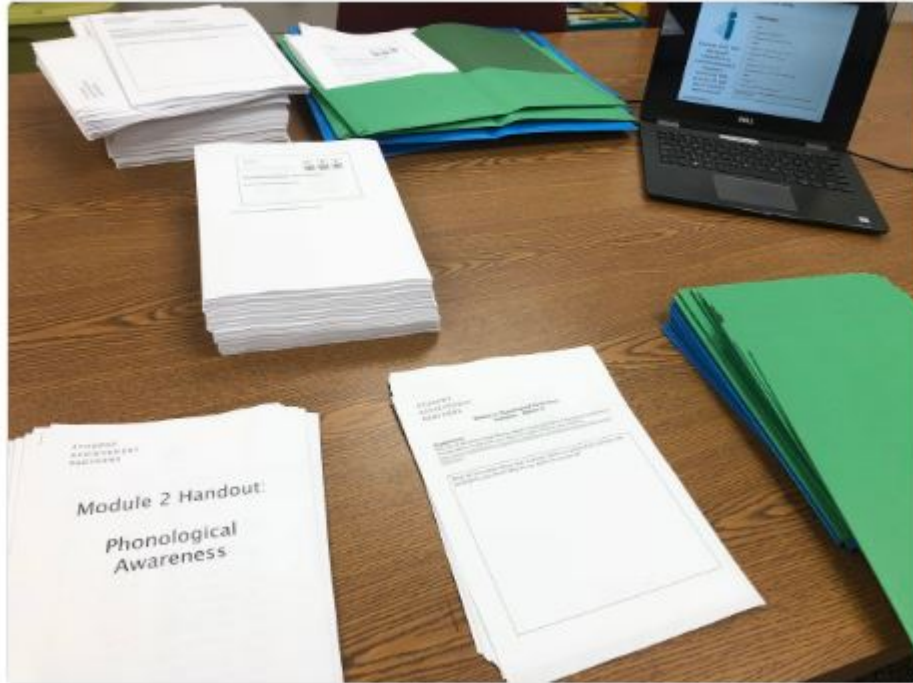


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Mandy @MandyPolen · Jul 30

Prepping for next week's Foundational Skills Professional Development while listening to the July webinar. #CoreAdvocates

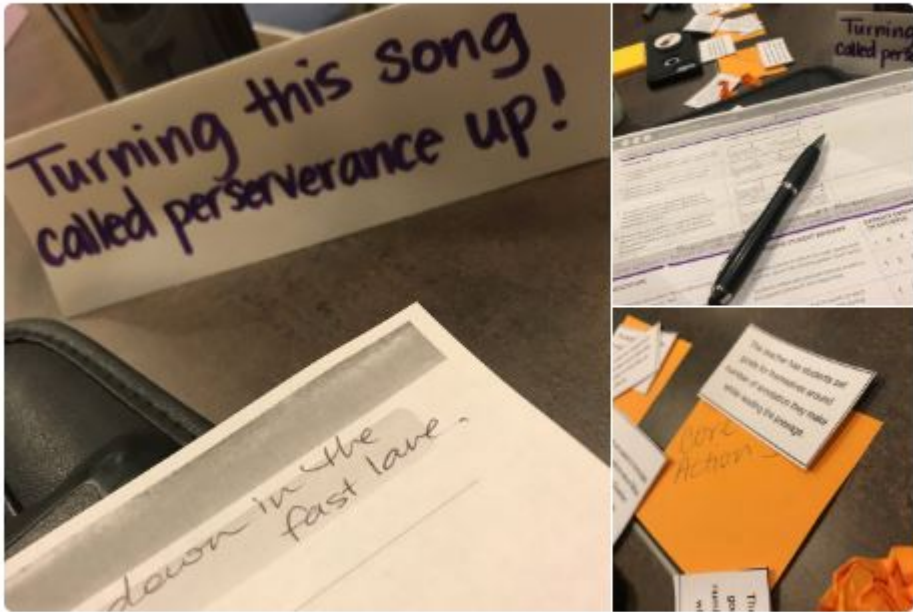


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Leah Johnson @msljohnson7 · Jul 31

Stretching our minds in the Extending Thinking ELA session! Great strategies to use for the fall! @Mrs_Schimizzi @ashecoach #tqrp2018 #TMCF #CoreAdvocates



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