

Module 1 Overview: Unpacking the Standards

The standards overview is designed to be the first in a four module training of the English Language Arts section of the PA Common Core Standards. In this module participants will work to build awareness, knowledge, and finally capacity in the overall understanding of the structure of the standards, as well as the fundamental shifts that go along with them. Special attention will be given to the ideas of rigor and depth of knowledge. By engaging in activities built around the standards themselves, participants will gain familiarity with the document and how its content should begin to change instructional practice.

PowerPoint Presentation/Script

- Slide show to guide the presentation
- Script with explanation and narrative for each slide

Handouts

- PA ELA Common Core Introduction (Slide 5)
- Notes on Range and Content from Common Core; (one for elem. and one for secondary) (Slide 8)
- (Optional) Third Grade Example of PA Common Core Layout (Slide 9)
- Vertical Progression of a Standard (Slide 15)
- Webb's DOK Wheel (Slide 18)
- Hess' DOK Matrix (Slide 20)
- *Four Myths of Rigor* (Ronald Williamson and Barbara R. Blackburn) (Slide 21)
- Standards Examples (Slide 23)
- PA Emphasis Documents <http://www.pdesas.org/Standard/CommonCore> (Slide 25)

Materials

- Table tents for names
- Chart paper/markers
- Index cards

Technology Needs

- Laptop capable of delivering Power point
- Projector
- Access to Internet if using software application to gather group responses

Room Organization

ELA Transition to PA Common Core

- The participants should be organized in small groups of 4 to 8 with the flexibility to be able to working in pairs or share with the group as a whole.