



Did You Know...

East Rockaway Implements the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Literacy?



Standards



New York has joined 45 other states in adopting National Common Core standards for English Language Arts & Literacy



Grades K-2 are teaching the Common Core standards this year. Grades 3 and up will begin in September 2012



Beginning in 2012-13 New York State assessments in grades 3-8 will be based on the Common Core standards



The standards are designed for all students to be ready for college and careers when they graduate from High School

Reading



Foundational Skills in grades K-5 include phonics instruction with *Foundations*



Students will be reading more complex texts both literary and non-fiction at all grade levels



Students are locally assessed against grade-level standards at least three times per year in grades K-8



New fiction and non-fiction texts have been added to High School Regents, Honors and AP level English courses

Writing & Language



Students at all grade levels will be expected to write for expression, information, and opinion (K-5) or persuasive argument (6-12)



Students at all grade levels will be expected to meet standards for grammar, usage and academic vocabulary



Students will be expected to write in response to readings and to produce written research assignments using information from several sources

Listening & Speaking



All students will be expected to listen attentively to their teachers and peers and to contribute meaningfully to class discussions



In-depth discussion of essential questions in response to reading will be an important part of literacy instruction in all subjects



Speaking and 21st century presentation skills, using available technologies, will be expected of students in all subjects

For more information go to <http://www.corestandards.org/> or http://www.pta.org/common_core_state_standards.asp