

# Universal Design For Learning: Connections to Common Core State Standards



The Common Core State Standards were adopted in our state because all Wisconsin students need relevant and rigorous literacy and mathematics instruction to ensure academic proficiency and success beyond graduation. The Common Core State Standards are world class innovative standards for all educators that lead to better assessments and help move education forward.

The concepts of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework are embedded throughout the Common Core State Standards. Some examples include:

- The Common Core State Standards promote multiple means of access, assessment and engagement by allowing for flexibility in instructional practices, student strategies, and resources
- The Common Core State Standards encourage educators to use a broad definition of text and identify text as any communication involving language– whether it be spoken, written, or visual
- The Common Core State Standards recognize that technology can serve as a powerful tool to engage students in an increasingly visual and online world where students need to be able to interpret and create texts that combine words, images and sound in order to make meaning of texts that no longer read in one clear linear direction
- Deep-rooted within the Common Core State Standards is the notion that the anchor standards provide the broad standards that allow for the widest possible range of students to be able to participate fully while working towards the specificity of the grade-level

## **Sources:**

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