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# WELCOME CALIFORNIA TEACHERS SUMMIT 2015

## Dear Teachers and Teacher Candidates,

Welcome to Better Together: California Teachers Summit. On behalf of New Teacher Center (NTC), California State University (CSU), the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) and its member institutions, we'd like to thank you for joining us today. And, congratulations! You are part of an unprecedented event for teachers, by teachers and designed to build a better future for California students while creating stronger teacher communities.

Today, we are encouraging this assembly of mentors to come together, inspire one another and harness technology to further discover the proud community of California education. We ask the following of each attendee:

- Meet someone you haven't met before.
- Participate in every event. Listen. Talk. Connect.
- Share your teaching strategies and ideas that work well with kids.
- Share tips on managing and supporting a vibrant, rich classroom with engaged students.
- Network beyond your local area to the 32 other locations statewide via social media with the hashtag **#CATeachersSummit**. We'll be posting the highlights throughout the day!
- Visit [guidebook.com/app/CATchSummit](http://guidebook.com/app/CATchSummit) or download our mobile app on your smartphone by searching for **CA Teachers Summit** in the iOS or Android app store. By using the CA Teachers Summit app, you'll have easy access to our Summit's full agenda and location details, and be able to easily stay connected with Twitter and Facebook.

To build on what we accomplish here today, we have put together an index of free resources you can immediately use in your classroom as you implement the new California Standards. You will find short descriptions and links for each high quality resource from Teaching Channel, LearnZillion, Literacy Design Collaborative, Mathematics Assessment Project, Center for the Collaborative Classroom, New Teacher Center, and more!

Thank you again for participating in this first-of-its-kind gathering of California teachers.

**Together, we can make an even bigger difference in the lives of California students.**

Sincerely,

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## ACHIEVE THE CORE

**Achieve the Core** is a non-profit organization with one purpose: to help all students and teachers see their hard work lead to greater student achievement.

As educators, as researchers, and as citizens, they view the changes brought by the Common Core and other state standards with a similar focus on college and career readiness as a once-in-a-generation opportunity for kids of all backgrounds and ability levels to better fulfill their potential. Like the standards themselves, they are evidence-based in their approach. Their work is aimed at ensuring teachers across the country are able to put the standards to work, quickly and effectively, to help their students and colleagues aspire to a higher standard and reach it.

Achieve the Core invites educators and people curious about the Common Core State Standards to explore what the site has to offer, including hundreds of math and literacy resources for teachers, resources for leaders who are putting college and career readiness standards into action in their own schools, and opportunities to become an advocate for the Common Core and college and career readiness for all students.

Visit [achievethecore.org](http://achievethecore.org) for more information.

## BETTER LESSON

**BetterLesson** empowers teachers to drive their own professional learning. They have partnered with outstanding educators across the country to run Master Teacher Projects and create over 16,000 rich lessons, covering Common Core Math, Common Core ELA, Next Gen Science and Blended Learning.

Visit [betterlesson.com](http://betterlesson.com) for more information.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**California Department of Education** has many resources to support the implementation of the California Standards. Teachers have been involved in the development of many of these resources, some of which include:

**Digital Chalkboard** is an online community of California public school and district educators. California educators collaborate through group participation and discussions, upload educational classroom and administrative resources that help other educators access what works best in California schools and districts. Visit [mydigitalchalkboard.org](http://mydigitalchalkboard.org) for more information.

**Common Core California (CDE Foundation)** is working with core education partners, and has developed a two-phase CCSS Awareness and Capacity Building Campaign (CCSS Campaign). The CCSS Campaign seeks to continue building statewide support for making the shift to the CCSS as successful and efficient as possible. Visit [cdefoundation.org/what-we-do/common-core](http://cdefoundation.org/what-we-do/common-core) for more information.

**The Alignment of the Preschool Learning Foundations** provides an in-depth analysis of how the nine domains of the preschool foundations closely align with the California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations, the California Content Standards, the Common Core State Standards, and the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. Additionally, this (online-only) publication displays the alignment of the four domains of infant-toddler learning and development foundations to the nine domains of preschool foundations, clearly defining a full continuum of learning beginning at birth, and highlighting the path of school readiness, long-term school success, and child wellness. Visit [cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psalignment.asp](http://cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psalignment.asp) for more information.

## CENTER FOR THE COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOM

**Center for the Collaborative Classroom** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to students' growth as critical thinkers who learn from, care for, and respect one another.

The Center provides continuous professional learning for teachers and develops curricula that support the academic, ethical, and social development of children. The organization combines 51 years of collective experience from two leading educational nonprofit organizations: Developmental Studies Center and Cornerstone Literacy, Inc.

Visit [collaborativeclassroom.org](http://collaborativeclassroom.org) for more information.

## COURSERA

**Coursera** provides universal access to the world's best education, partnering with top universities and organizations to offer courses for anyone to take, for free. Coursera wants to help you learn better and faster. That's why they designed their platform based on proven teaching methods verified by top researchers. Search for New Teacher Center on [coursera.com](http://coursera.com) and you will find our coursework. One example is First Year Teaching: Success from the Start.

Visit [coursera.org](http://coursera.org) for more information.

## DEEPER LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

The Hewlett Foundation's **Deeper Learning Collaborative** is committed to the goal that all U.S. students will receive an excellent education centered on deeper learning. To reach that objective they are focused on:

- Working with states and districts to improve learning goals, so that schools can focus on teaching deeper learning and have the support they need to reach that goal.
- Designing new ways to evaluate what students know and can do, with high school graduation projects, more effective assessments, and in-class activities to measure their deeper learning knowledge and skills.
- Providing educators with the ongoing training and tools to teach deeper learning effectively.
- Continuously sharing best practices from exemplary schools as well as research on how students benefit from deeper learning.

Visit [hewlett.org/programs/education/deeper-learning](http://hewlett.org/programs/education/deeper-learning) for more information.

## EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

With more than 20 years of experience helping new and veteran teachers in all settings, **Expeditionary Learning** builds student's capacity to ignite their motivation, persistence, and compassion so they become active contributors to building a better world and succeed in school, college, career, and life.

Expeditionary Learning's innovative curriculum, teacher-created resources, and model of professional coaching and support are anchored by a vision of student success that joins academic achievement, character, and high-quality work.

They partner with more than 160 schools and 4,000 teachers, serving 53,000 students in 33 states, and thousands of other teachers through their professional services work in New York and other states.

Visit [elschools.org](http://elschools.org) for more information.

## GOORU LEARNING

**Gooru's** mission is to honor the human right to education. They envision a world in which technology and a supportive community empower every student to personalize his or her learning. Educators support individual students while contributing to a larger community.

Gooru's task as "ed-technologists" is to innovate collaboratively with the community of educators and students to support the ways they teach and learn. Gooru supports students, teachers, schools, districts, developers, partners, and other audiences who are honoring the human right to education.

Visit [www.goorulearning.org](http://www.goorulearning.org) for more information.

## INSIDE MATHEMATICS

**Inside Mathematics** supports teachers with the implementation of Common Core state standards in Mathematics. This site contains classroom videos, problems of the month, and performance tasks aligned to CCSS-M Standards.

Visit [www.insidemathematics.org](http://www.insidemathematics.org) for more information.

## LITERACY DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

**Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC)** is a teacher-created instructional design system that transforms educator practice through the use of online tools and resources that facilitate collaboration, content development, and professional learning to effectively implement College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) in K-12 classrooms. Through LDC work, teachers, schools, and districts engage in a reflective and collaborative process, growing their expertise in using the CCRS in instructional planning, ongoing curriculum-embedded assessment, and results analysis.

Visit [ldc.org/partners2015](http://ldc.org/partners2015) for more information.

## LEARN ZILLION

**LearnZillion.com** offers a free and growing set of Math and English Language resources for grades 2-12 that have been developed by expert teachers directly from the Common Core State Standards. Their premium participatory curriculum platform enables schools and districts to accelerate the successful implementation of the Common Core, augment the efficacy of their coaches, create class time capacity to address differentiation needs, and build teacher leaders.

LearnZillion is dedicated to championing teachers and supporting their ongoing professional development. Teachers develop expertise and insights while working with students, and have exceptional ideas for how to improve classroom learning. LearnZillion believes that empowering teachers to collaborate and share best practices creates new possibilities for students, and the profession.

Visit [learnzillion.com](http://learnzillion.com) for more information.

## MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

**The Mathematics Assessment Project (MAP)** is part of the Math Design Collaborative. The MAP website includes well-engineered tools for formative and summative assessment that expose students' mathematical knowledge and reasoning. The tools include 100 Classroom Challenges, lessons based on formative assessment, and are relevant to any curriculum that seeks to deepen students' understanding of mathematical concepts and develop their ability to apply that knowledge to non-routine problems.

Visit [map.mathshell.org](http://map.mathshell.org) for more information.

## NEW TEACHER CENTER

Accelerating the effectiveness of new teachers is a critical link to student success.

**New Teacher Center (NTC)** is committed to supporting new teachers with a wide range of available professional development, communities of practice, products and free resources. NTC's community site provides relevant-free and premium resources and professional development designed especially for new teachers. Our free sites include a focus on Oral Language Development and Social Emotional Learning, foundational to success with College and Career Standards.

NTC is transforming teaching and learning by fostering teacher leadership and collaborative school cultures through Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Collaborative teams can be the most effective and powerful professional development model because they build the capacity of both new and veteran teachers as instructional leaders, allowing schools to effectively implement change initiatives, such as Common Core State Standards (CCSS), while providing avenues that retain, develop and nourish all teachers.

Facilitating Inquiry-Based Professional Learning Communities is a NTC three-day professional development series that teaches facilitators the skills, knowledge and behaviors foundational for creating a safe, structured environment to conduct collaborative inquiry focused on improving teaching and learning.

Visit [communities.newteachercenter.org](http://communities.newteachercenter.org) for more information.

## TEACHING CHANNEL

**Teaching Channel's** mission is to create an environment where teachers can watch, share, and learn new techniques to help every student grow. They believe teachers should have opportunities to learn from each other... whenever they want; and teachers tell them that video has become essential to helping them see a broad range of approaches for working with students and for fostering self-reflection.

Teaching Channel's free website houses their interactive collaboration platform for professional learning. The community is all about getting better together, through the use of video and tools designed for teachers. Their goal is to empower your growth, and that means your students will grow right along with you.

Visit [teachingchannel.org](http://teachingchannel.org) for more information.

## YOU CUBED

**Youcubed** is an online center at Stanford University that provides teachers with free K-12 math resources. One feature this summer, the "Week of Inspirational Math", is a set of five inquiry-based lessons with accompanying videos about math and mindset. The lessons are designed to work especially well in the first week of school. There are also great math tasks, important topics in math learning, videos, short papers for teachers and policy makers, and full research articles.

Visit [youcubed.org](http://youcubed.org) for more information.



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