

# Standards-based Instruction

A Guide for Implementation in Florida's Public Schools

*"The standards come alive when teachers study student work, collaborate with other teachers to improve their understanding of subjects and students' thinking, and develop new approaches to teaching that are relevant and useful for them and their students"* - Linda Darling-Hammond, 1997

Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State (Common Core) Standards define content, knowledge, and abilities; provide grade-level or course expectations for students; provide clear guidance to teachers for Depth of Knowledge and instructional goals; provide framework for state adopted instructional materials, and assessments; and serve as a guide to improve student learning. The standards delineate what matters, provide clarity and a fixed point of reference for students and teachers, guide instruction so that it is focused on student learning, provide a common language to have clarity in collaborations, help ensure equal educational opportunities, and assist in identifying struggling students. These standards provide the foundation for standards-based instruction in Florida's public schools.

