

Oak Park is proud to offer a series of three informational sessions on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for interested parents and community members. These sessions are designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the CCSS and the accompanying Smarter Balances (SBAC) assessment. These trainings are for the parents of DK - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Session #1** Session one will address “myths vs. facts” regarding the CCSS and cover the background and research behind how and why the standards were developed. This session also provides information on what the business and educational communities identify as essential skills for today’s students in order to successfully participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global marketplace.

**Session #2** In session two, the design, organization and structure of the standards will be discussed as well as the key areas of focus in the CCSS in English-language arts and math. This session will also provide helpful suggestions on what parents can do to help their children meet the CCSS standards.

**Session #3** The Smarter-Balanced Assessment is the subject of session three. Topics that will be covered are: how the new SBAC assessment differs from the previous CST assessment; an explanation of the types of test items; and a look at sample test questions.

The 2015-2016 Common Core Parent Training Series will take place on the following dates and times (all trainings are for DK-12 parents!):

**September 16**

8:45 Session #1 - BES MPR

6:30 – Session #1 - OPHS Pavilion

**October 15**

6:30 - Session #2 - OPHS Pavilion

**October 16**

8:45 – Session #2 - ROES MPR

**November 18**

8:45 – Session #3 - BES MPR

6:30 – Session #3 - OPHS Pavilion