

About EQuIP

EQuIP (Educators Evaluating the Quality of Instructional Products) is an initiative of the American Diploma Project (ADP) Network designed to identify high-quality materials aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The objectives are two-fold:

- Increase the supply of high quality lessons and units aligned to the CCSS that are available to elementary, middle, and high school teachers as soon as possible; and,
- Build the capacity of educators to evaluate and improve the quality of instructional materials for use in their classrooms and schools.

EQuIP builds on a collaborative effort of education leaders from Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island that Achieve facilitated. The outcome of that effort was the development of the “Tri-State Rubrics” and a quality review process designed to determine the quality and alignment of instructional lessons and units to the CCSS.

Building on the success of that effort, over twenty states have participated in cross-state EQuIP convenings since the initiative launched in the spring of 2012 including *Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin*. A number of other states and districts are utilizing the rubrics, even though they are not formally part of the collaborative.

To date, Achieve has facilitated cross-state convenings for state teams to review materials, provide feedback to materials developed by peers, and exchange strategies and ideas for aligning lessons/units and focusing instruction on the CCSS.

How States Are Using the Rubrics

Beyond using the rubrics at the cross-state convenings, many states and districts have embraced the rubrics and review process to support their implementation of the CCSS in a variety of ways including:

- *Guide the development* of lessons and units;
- *Evaluate existing lessons and units* to identify improvements needed to align with the CCSS;
- *Build the capacity of teachers* to gain a deeper understanding of the CCSS; and,
- *Inform vendors* of criteria that will be applied in the evaluation of proposals and final products.

Looking ahead

Achieve is in the process of:

- Developing a package of training materials to increase utilization of the rubrics and related tools.
- Building partnerships with several national organizations that are currently in the process of developing instructional materials.
- Establishing a jury and/or certification process to help reach the goal of curating a collection of model lessons/units that can be shared with all states, districts, schools and teachers.
- Launching the development of a quality review rubric for materials aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

The Tri-State Rubrics

EQuIP offers Quality Review Rubrics for:

- **Mathematics (K-12)**
- **ELA/Literacy (3-12)**
- **Draft ELA/Literacy (K-2)**

To download the rubrics, please visit www.achieve.org/EQuIP