



COMMON CORE IMPLEMENTATION

CTHSS CoreSmart Coaches

The CTHSS has designed a professional learning model to support the implementation of the Connecticut Core Standards (CCS) in Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Technical Subjects through teacher leaders as coaches. The identified CoreSmart coaches, representing various subject areas, attended five training modules offered by the CSDE over the last year. The training was organized by four regions so that the teachers and the principal from each region could attend as a team. The district's plan, under the direction of Superintendent Nivea Torres, included appointing four principals to facilitate follow-up professional development activities at their individual schools. These meetings served as an opportunity for teachers across schools to share their new learning and to develop training materials and resources to bring back to their individual schools. The four regional principals were Robert Axon, Oliver Wolcott, David Telesca, Kaynor Tech, Lisa Hylwa, Wilcox and Nikitoula Menounos, Norwich Tech.

In year two, six CoreSmart coaches from each school will receive training throughout the 2014-2015 year from area RESCs on coaching techniques and classroom modeling of instructional strategies to support the implementation of the CCS.