Pennsylvania’s Transition Timeline to the PA Core Standards

**July 2010:** State Board of Education adopts Common Core State Standards, the first update to Pennsylvania standards since 1999. Forty-three states, Washington, D.C., four territories, and Department of Defense schools have adopted the Common Core State Standards.

**September 2013:** State Board of Education adopts final standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics to meet PA Core.

**November 2013:** The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) approves final-form revisions to Chapter 4, including the PA Core Standards.

**March 2014:** PA Core Standards published in Pennsylvania Bulletin and become part of Chapter 4 regulations.

**Spring 2014:** Field testing begins for new PA Core-aligned questions on the PSSA.

**April 2015:** Pennsylvania administers new PA Core-aligned PSSAs in grades 3-8 in ELA and Math.

**June 6-9, 2015:** Team of 58 Pennsylvania educators gathers to engage in standard setting (cut-scores).

**June 19, 2015:** A focus group of district and building-level administrators reviews the work of the standard setting group. At the recommendation of the State Board, two independent validators monitor the standard setting process.

**July 7-8, 2015:** State Board of Education meets to approve new PSSA cut-scores.

**July 23, 2015:** Superintendents receive district/student PSSA data files.

**September 2015:** Parents receive student PSSA results.