



Achieve Resources

- **Perspective** is Achieve’s e-newsletter that provides news and links to timely reports. It’s e-mailed for free to anyone interested in helping to prepare students for success. Stay informed and receive the next issue by signing up at www.achieve.org/Perspective

- **Closing the Expectations Gap, 2011** is Achieve’s annual 50-state progress report on the alignment of high school policies with the demands of college and careers. The sixth in this series, it details state progress on implementing the American Diploma Project policy agenda. [2011] www.achieve.org/ClosingtheExpectationsGap2011

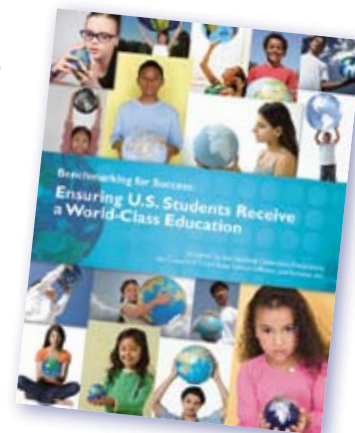
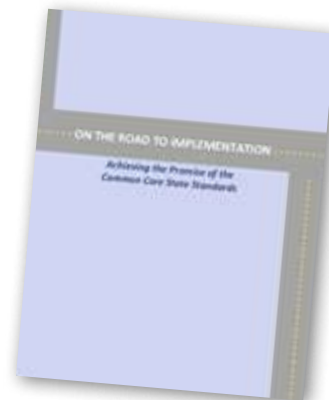
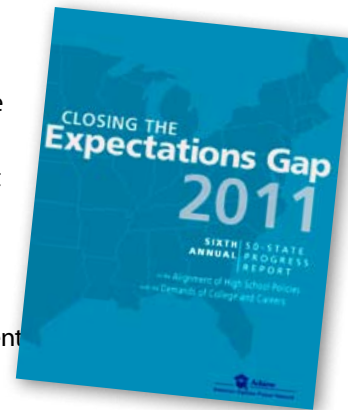
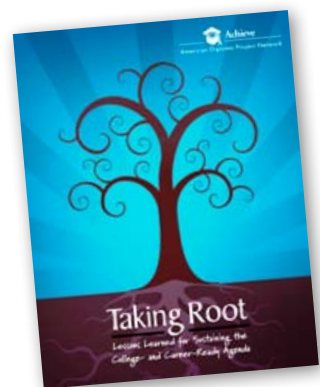
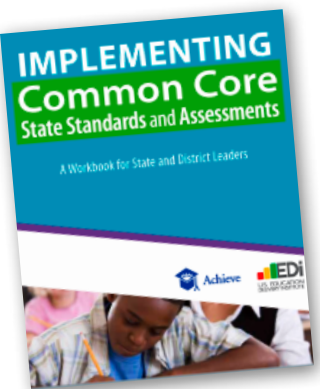
- **Common Core Implementation Workbook.** Achieve and the U.S. Education Delivery Institute developed a practical workbook for all states in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) that uses a proven performance management methodology known as “delivery” to lay out clear action steps for states and districts. The workbook provides relevant information, case stories of good practice, key questions and hands-on exercises for leadership teams to complete together. [2011] www.achieve.org/ImplementingCommonCore

- **Achieving the Possible** is Achieve’s survey of voters to find out whether they support both the goal of graduating all students from high school ready for college and careers and the necessary policies to meet that goal. The poll found support for the college- and career-ready agenda to be broad, deep and fully bipartisan. [2010] www.achieve.org/AchievingthePossible

- **On the Road to Implementation: Achieving the Promise of the Common Core State Standards** highlights a number of critical issues state leaders will need to consider as they move to implement the new common standards to ensure they actually reach the classroom level. [2010] www.achieve.org/AchievingCommonCore_Implementation

- **Taking Root: Strategies for Sustaining the College- and Career-Ready Agenda** aims to help state leaders identify and build strategies for sustaining their education agendas over the long run. The project includes four case studies that examine both the governmental and nongovernmental strategies that were effective in making reform last in Indiana, Massachusetts, South Carolina and Texas; a lessons learned paper that draws on and synthesizes the case studies’ 10 overarching lessons and strategies for sustainability; and an audit tool that states can use in their own planning. [2009] www.achieve.org/TakingRoot

- **Benchmarking for Success: Ensuring U.S. Students Receive a World-Class Education** provides states with a roadmap for benchmarking their K–12 education systems against those of top-performing nations. The report, released by Achieve, the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, explains the urgent need for action and outlines what states and the federal government must do to ensure U.S. students receive a world-class education. [2008] www.achieve.org/BenchmarkingforSuccess





- **The Building Blocks of Success: Higher Level Math for All Students** explores the intellectual and practical benefits to all students of taking higher-level mathematics courses in high school, focusing on college access and success, workplace and career readiness, and personal and U.S. competitiveness. [2008] www.achieve.org/BuildingBlocksofSuccess



- **Measures that Matter** is a joint effort by Achieve and The Education Trust to provide strategic and technical assistance to states in creating college- and career-ready assessment and accountability systems. Resources include policy guides and briefs. [2008] www.achieve.org/MeasuresthatMatter



- **Out of Many, One: Toward Rigorous Common Core Standards From the Ground Up** presents an analysis of the college- and career-ready standards for English in 12 states and mathematics in 16 states. Achieve found that a critical mass of states had arrived at a common core of standards in English and mathematics. [2008] www.achieve.org/CommonCore



- **Raising Graduation Rates in an Era of High Standards** identifies five key outcomes state leaders need to focus on to close the graduation and achievement gaps and suggests strategies policymakers can take to focus their high school reform efforts on ensuring that these commitments are met. [2008] www.achieve.org/RaisingGraduationRates



- **Aligned Expectations? A Closer Look at College Admissions and Placement Tests** examines what admissions and placement tests intend to and actually do measure, with recommendations for K–12 and higher education policymakers. [2007] www.achieve.org/AlignedExpectations



- **Ready or Not: Creating a High School Diploma That Counts** found a convergence in the expectations of business and postsecondary leaders; established the ADP benchmarks; and laid out a rigorous policy agenda, which has since become the agenda of the ADP Network. [2004] www.achieve.org/ReadyorNot

Achieve has also developed Web-based resources to provide information and tools needed to ensure our schools prepare students for college and careers:

- **The Future Ready Project:** www.futurereadyproject.org
- **The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers:** www.parcconline.org
- **Math Works Advocacy Kit:** www.achieve.org/MathWorks
- **Next Generation Science Standards:** www.nextgenscience.org
- **Achieve Common Core Comparison Tool:** <http://ccctool.achieve.org>
- **Achieving the Common Core:** www.achieve.org/Achieving-Common-Core

