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## Strong Standards: A Review of Changes to State Standards Since the Common Core

A new [report](#) from Achieve offers an analysis of the English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics standards of the 24 states that have reviewed and revised these standards after initially adopting the Common Core State Standards. The report found that, with a few exceptions, most states have kept their standards rigorous and maintained college- and career-ready expectations for students.



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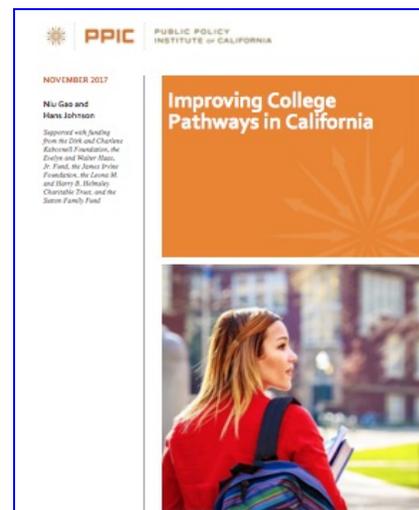
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## Improving College Pathways in California

The Public Policy Institute of California recently released a [study](#) examining student progress in college pathways in high school, at California's community colleges, and at California State University. Researchers found that most students exit the pathway in the last two years of high school or the first two years of college, and ultimately, only around 30 percent of California 9th graders will earn a bachelor's degree - a rate that is insufficient for an economy that increasingly



demands more highly educated workers.

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## Factors for success: college credit in high school

The College Board Policy Center published a new [report](#) identifying four factors needed to create strong programs for students to earn college credit in high school. The report cites program quality and accountability, value for time and dollars invested, equity and access, and transparency around credit transfer as essential for program success.



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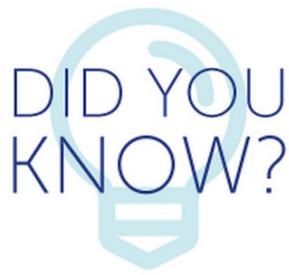
## #ShowMeTheData Twitter Chat

Join the Data Quality Campaign, Learning Heroes, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, and the National Parent Teacher Association on December 6, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET for a Twitter chat exploring how states can improve report cards to meet the needs of all families and communities. And in the meantime, be sure to check out DQC's 2016 Show Me the Data [report](#).



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Achieve's *Strong Standards* report found that of 24 states that made changes to the Common Core ELA standards,

# 22 states

retained all of the key elements required in ELA to prepare students for college and careers.

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