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Welcome to the new *Perspective*!

We are excited to share the latest Achieve news and resources with you in this new format and hope that you will find the information helpful and easy to share with your networks. If there are particular resources or topic areas you'd like to see featured in future issues of Perspective, we encourage you to reach out to us at **news@achieve.org**. Thank you for all that you do to support college and career readiness for all students.

EQuIP Call to Action

Achieve has announced a call to action for educators to submit high-quality units aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). As part of an effort to study and strengthen resources to meet teachers' needs, Achieve partnered with Student Achievement Partners and a group of education content experts to identify a number of K-8 high priority standards in English Language Arts (ELA)/literacy and in mathematics for which the need for high-quality and aligned instructional materials is particularly critical.
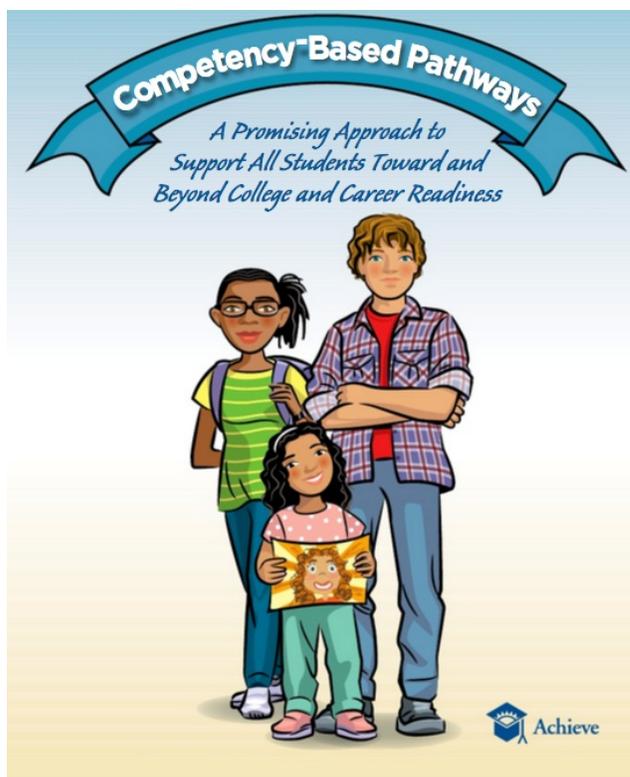
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Competency-Based Learning Student Scenarios Infographic

A new illustrated brochure from Achieve tells the story of three students whose academic progress has been shaped by the opportunities, flexibility, and transparency or competency-based learning environments. Check out their stories to learn more about the potential of competency-based pathways.

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New Sample Student Assessment Reports

Achieve recently released sample student assessment reports designed to help students, parents, and educators understand and make use of new assessment results. In addition to the sample reports, we've developed and posted a suite of communications tools and guidance for states as they adapt these reports to their specific needs.

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New OER Policy Brief

Achieve recently released a set of state policy recommendations for providing educators access to college- and career-ready Open Educational Resources (OER). These policy recommendations draw from key strategies in states that have begun using OER as part of their college- and career-ready implementation plans.

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My School Information Design Challenge

The Foundation for Excellence in Education recently released the results of the My School Information Design Challenge, which was aimed at making school information more accessible and useful to multiple constituencies. The report provides an overview of the challenge and describes the key design elements of an effective report card and other lessons from states interested in reinventing their school report cards.

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EdReports.org Analyzes CCSS Alignment

EdReports.org, a new service which provides Consumer Reports-style reviews of K-12 instructional materials focused on alignment to the Common Core, officially launched earlier this week. The organization's goal is to elevate the overall level of rigor and quality of instructional materials by helping more informed consumers - teachers and parents - to demand better materials.

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New Textbook Navigator for Teachers

Dr. William Schmidt and the Center for the Study of Curriculum at Michigan State University released a textbook navigator designed to help teacher implement the Common Core by letting the standards, not the textbooks, guide the process. The Navigator enables teachers to identify which lessons in existing textbook series cover any given Common Core standard.

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