Common Core Standards and Early Childhood Education
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Early Learning Standards

- The first link in an aligned “P – 12” educational system
- Early childhood education works
- Preschool benefits tend to fade
- Need for sustained high-quality teaching practices across early childhood years (pre-k to 3rd)
Standards and Early Learning

Learning Trajectories of Children Ages 3 - 8

Effective Teaching for Learning

Content Knowledge
What Do We Want Children to Learn

Pedagogy
How Do We Teach and Monitor Progress

Human Development
Who Are We Teaching

National Academy of Education (2005)
CSS and Effective Teaching

**Pedagogy**
- Time—allow time to investigate questions, concepts, and ideas
- Conversation—sustained engaging dialogues in learning experiences
- Reflection—revisit learning experiences for new insights, depth
- Monitor learning, not test it

**Summary**
- Develop and fine tune standards in all three components of effective teaching and learning
- Use standards to inform and support (not attack and dictate) powerful teaching and learning