

Welcome to the Southeast Comprehensive Center's website for the Common Core State Standards video series for mathematics. The purpose of this short introduction is to provide an overview of the background and purpose of the videos as well as to point out the details and features of the website. The Southeast Comprehensive Center at SEDL works closely with the departments of education in the states we serve to provide access to information models and materials that facilitate implementation and compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. We also support states in increasing their capacity to implement programs and initiatives aligned to the priorities of the U.S. Department of Education in order to improve outcomes for students since all of the states in the southeast region have adopted the Common Core State Standards. Some of our work involves assisting states in their transition to the new Common Core State Standards in mathematics. Professional development and support for educators in the implementation of the Common Core State Standards are part of this transition. The mathematics support videos that can be found on this website represent one approach states may use to provide training and assistance for classroom teachers. The standards that are addressed by the current videos are those that have been requested by the state departments of education in our region.

Each video is an audiovisual resource that focuses on one specific standard and usually includes examples and illustrations geared to enhance understanding. The intent of each content focused video is to clarify the meaning of individual standards rather than to be a guide on how to teach each standard. Although it's often the case that the videos include a teaching piece, that is necessary to explain or clarify the content. The videos were also designed so that the examples used can be adapted for instruction with students. Again, the key objective of each video is to clarify the meaning of the standard so that teachers feel confident in their knowledge and understanding of the content and so that they can then work with school or district team members to design appropriate lessons for teaching the standard.

Typically, the videos are about 10 minutes long, although some are longer either because of the complexity of the standard itself or because of the necessity to explain some of the related or prerequisite knowledge associated with that standard. The website has been designed to be user-friendly and easy to navigate. Note that the videos are organized by grade level on the right side of the main page. When you select the grade level, a new page containing a list of standards with available videos for the grade level opens. On the right side of the page, you'll find links to related resources including a link to a product survey where you can comment about the utility of the videos and submit suggestions for making this a better and more effective resource. Once you decide which video you would like to watch, follow the link toward the right of the standard that states view or download to open the page that contains the video. You can start the video by clicking the arrow icon in the center of the video, which also serves as the play button. The toolbar beneath the video window includes additional controls for starting and pausing the video, turning on closed captioning, and maximizing the size of the video player. A recent feature that has been added to the website is the option to download videos. Below each video there is a section titled download the video to use offline or receive notifications. If you wish to download the video, you would fill in your first and last

name, organization, state, and email address. Downloading will enable you to have these videos as a resource that can be viewed at your convenience without the need for Internet access. The downloaded videos can also be used in a variety of ways for classroom instruction preparation or for professional development sessions. If you would like to receive periodic notifications when new videos are posted to the website, place a check in the box that states please email me when new videos are available.

Finally, we also ask that you review and honor the terms and conditions of use. That can be accessed via the terms of use link found on any of the website pages. Thank you for your interest in the Common Core State Standards video series for mathematics. We plan to continue to produce videos in collaboration with staff in the state departments of education in the southeast region as they identify standards they feel need additional clarification.