



Common Core Learning Standards Open Call FAQ

What is the intention behind the Open Call?

Through the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) Open Call for the submission of CCLS-aligned instructional materials, we will provide feedback on CCLS alignment to networks, schools and teachers across the city; focus on strengths and next steps of teacher and student work across networks and schools; and deepen the understanding of the Citywide Instructional Expectations (CIE) across the city.

What materials should be submitted?

- An end-of-unit summative assessment task,
- The rubric by which the task will be assessed,
- Texts necessary for the completion of the task (applicable to ELA, social studies and science),
- An answer key (for mathematics tasks only).

Who may submit?

Submission is completely voluntary; anyone from across the DOE may submit.

How will schools and teachers benefit from the submission of materials?

Submitters will receive feedback on the extent to which their submitted task, rubrics, and texts or answer keys (where applicable) are aligned to selected grade-specific CCLS.

How will networks and clusters benefit from the submission of materials?

Through our submission management tool, we will be able to identify for clusters and networks trends in submitted materials across their schools. We will then support clusters, networks and schools in using the aggregate data as a learning tool.

Why are submissions being evaluated blindly?

We wish to ensure that the Open Call is used to support educators in the field, as opposed to as a method of individual evaluation. Teachers, therefore, submit anonymously. The instructional materials that are submitted through this process will not be shared with principals.

What happens to materials once they are submitted?

Common Core Fellows (CCF), i.e., teachers, coaches and administrators from across the city, will review submissions and provide feedback on the extent to which they align with the indicated Common Core Learning Standards. CCFs will send their feedback directly to the person who submitted the materials. This feedback is designed to be formative and for the submitter only. While materials and feedback will not be shared with anyone other than the submitter, aggregate data (without individual identifiers) may be shared with networks and principals to support network-wide or school-wide professional development. If a task is particularly strong, the Academic Evaluation team may reach out to the submitter for permission to develop the task as a resource for the Common Core Library.

What is the timeline for the Open Call?

The Open Call will run from December 7, 2012 – January 4, 2013. We expect a 4-6 week turnaround time from submission date to transmission of feedback.

How do you submit materials to the Open Call for review?

People who want to submit will find all the information they need on the Common Core Library (follow the link to “Submit Tasks” under the “Tasks, Units & Student Work” tab).