

Iowa **CORE**
Curriculum

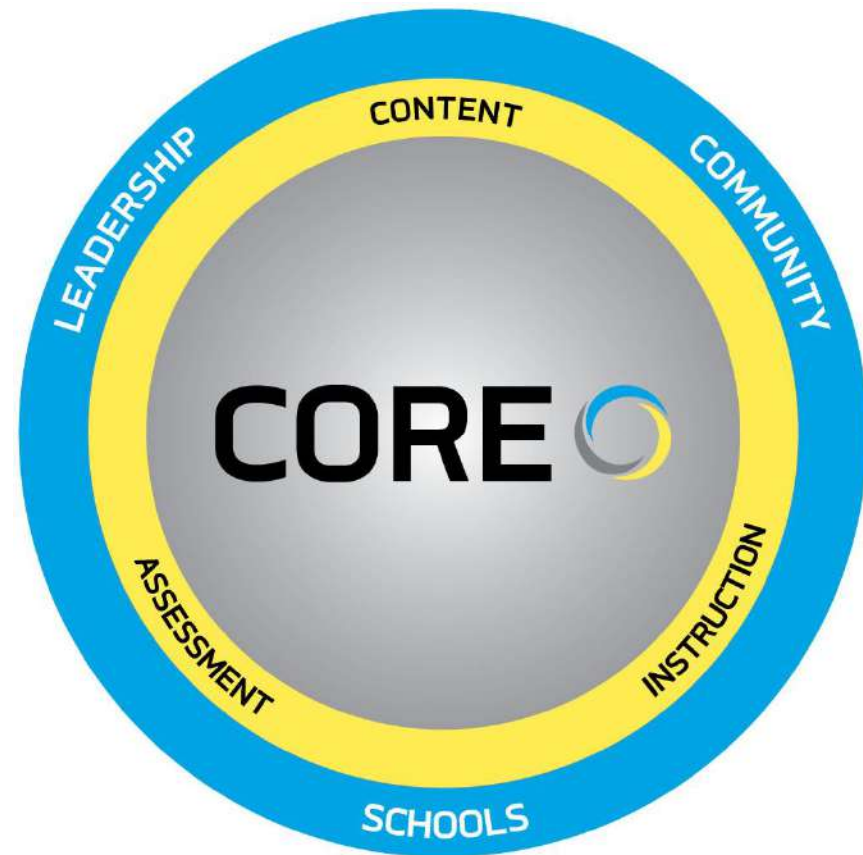


Right Work, Right Time,
Right People



The Core Curriculum is...

- A state-wide effort to improve teaching and learning to ensure that all Iowa students engage in a rigorous & relevant curriculum.

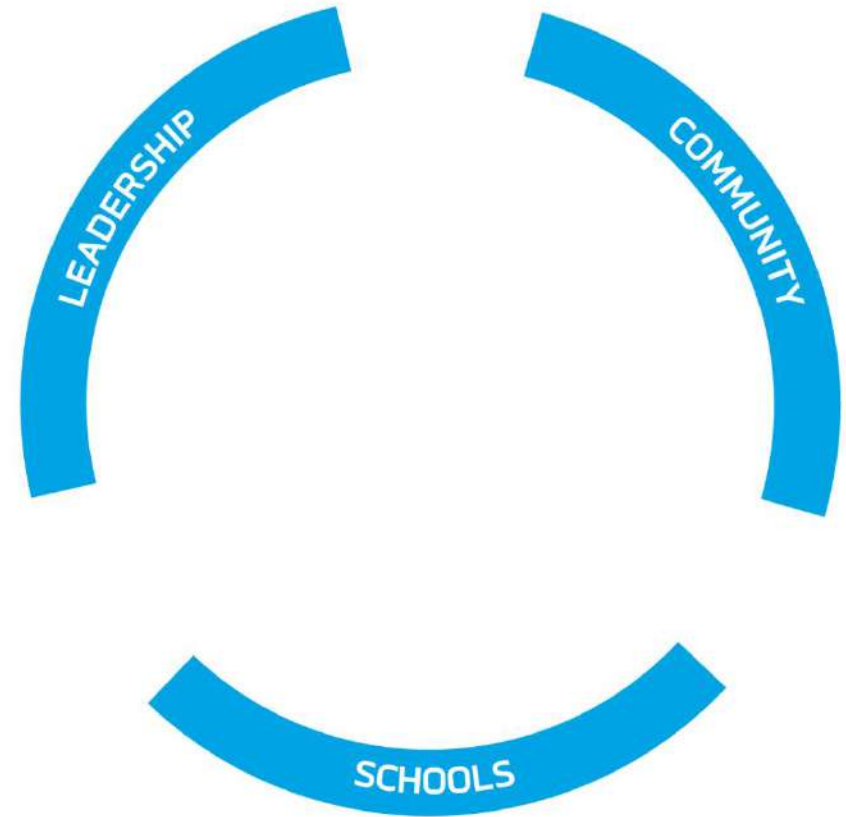


Supporting the Iowa Core Curriculum

Informed and engaged
Communities

Integrated Schools and
Support Agencies

Committed Leadership
actions



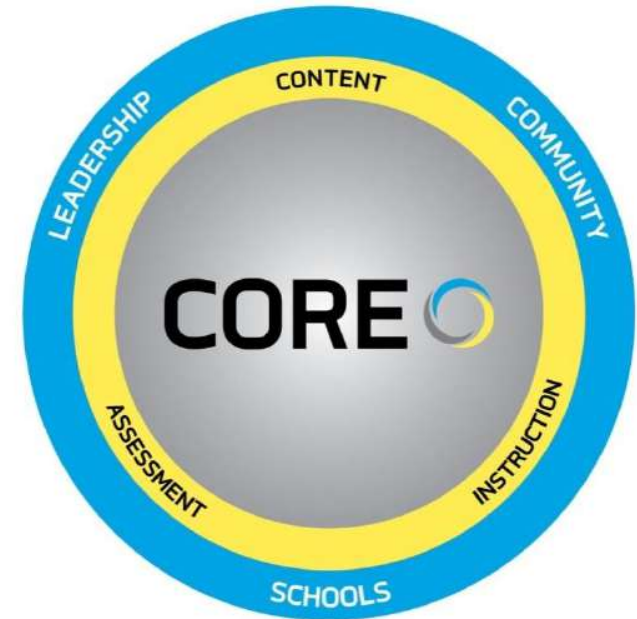
The Core Curriculum Provides...

- **Comprehensive picture of effective curriculum that addresses:**

Content

Instruction

Assessment



Why is the Core important?

- **To set high expectations**
 - for all students
 - for educators
- **To attend to the learning needs of students**
- **To break through the achievement plateau**
- **To address global and local challenges**

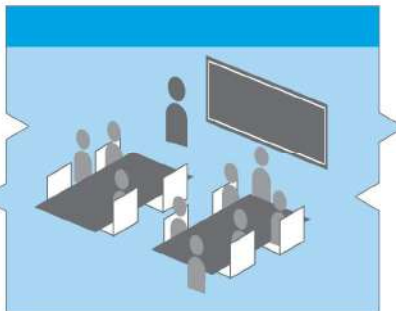


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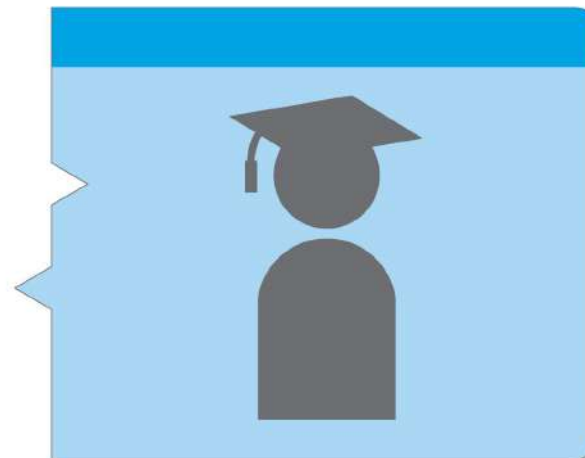
- **Essential concepts and skills to make sure students reach Iowa's Core Content Standards & Benchmarks.**



STANDARDS
AND BENCHMARKS



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STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT

Iowa Core Curriculum defines the most critical learning for all students.



Content Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- 21st Century Skills

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Essential concept and skill

- ***Concept example: Understands and applies rate of change.***
- ***Skill example: Analyzes and evaluates the mathematical thinking and strategies of others.***

Ultimate outcomes:

- **Students**
- **Educators**
- **Educational leaders**



Leadership Responsibilities

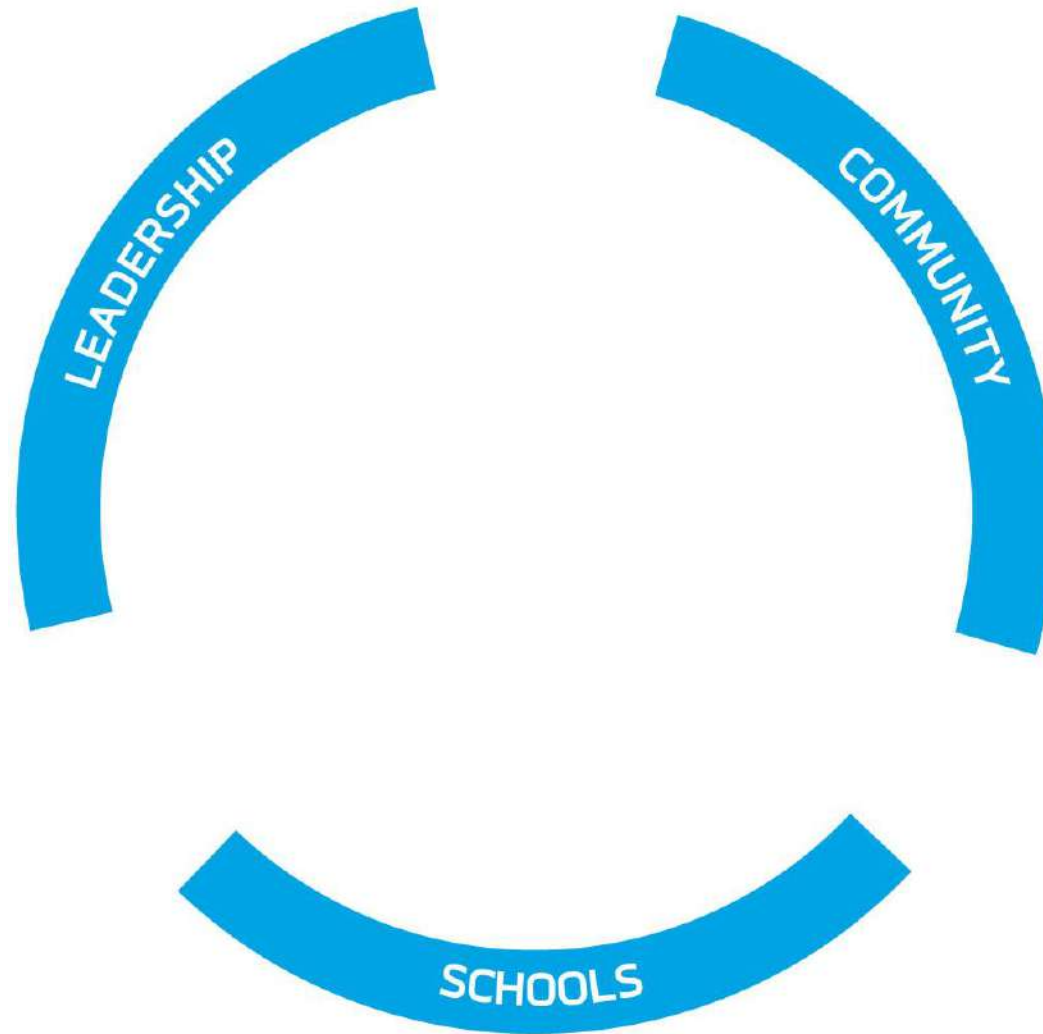
- **Be an advocate within the system by supporting and sustaining the Iowa Core Curriculum for students, schools and community.**

...What does this mean?

Teacher Responsibilities

- **Be a life long learner**
- **Reflect on instructional practices**
- **Incorporate instructional practices that challenge students**
- **Use data and information to inform practice**
- **Communicate with parents and students**
- **Collaborate with colleagues**
- **Access and engage in professional development**

The Supports for Success

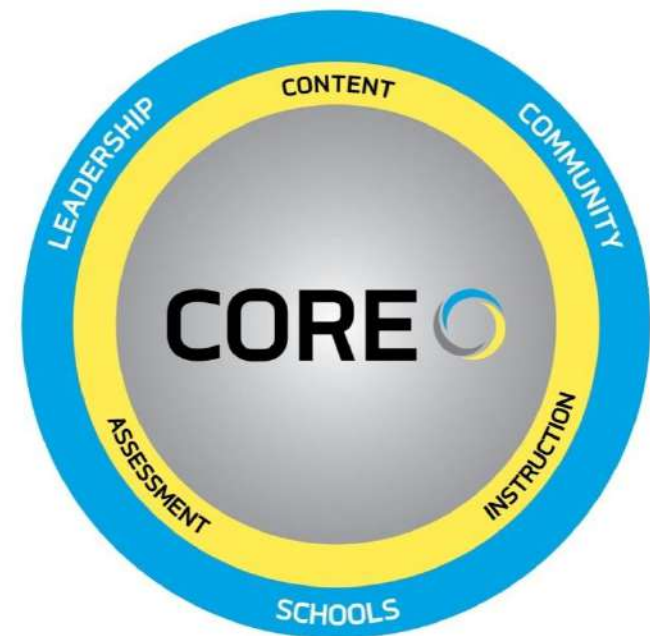


Leadership

Knowledge of the Iowa Core Curriculum

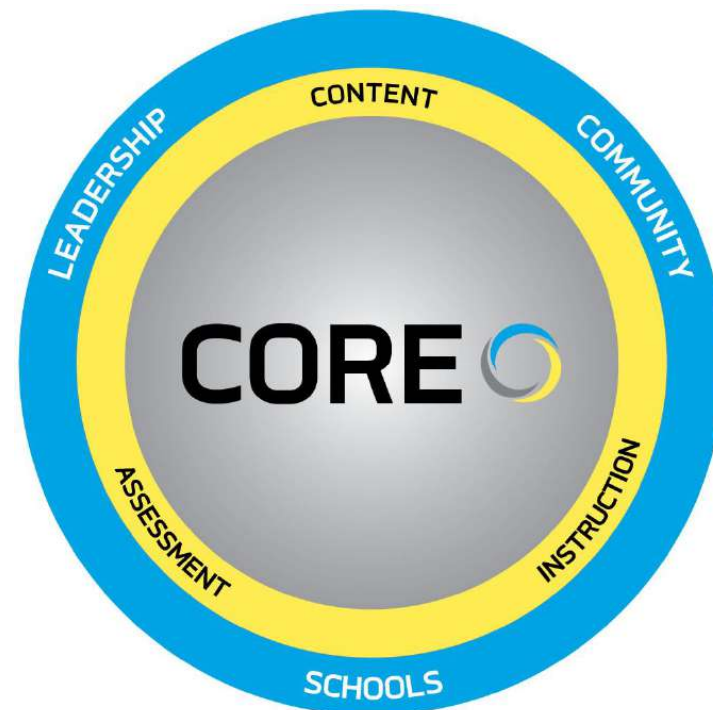
Development of Leadership Capacity

Plan for Action



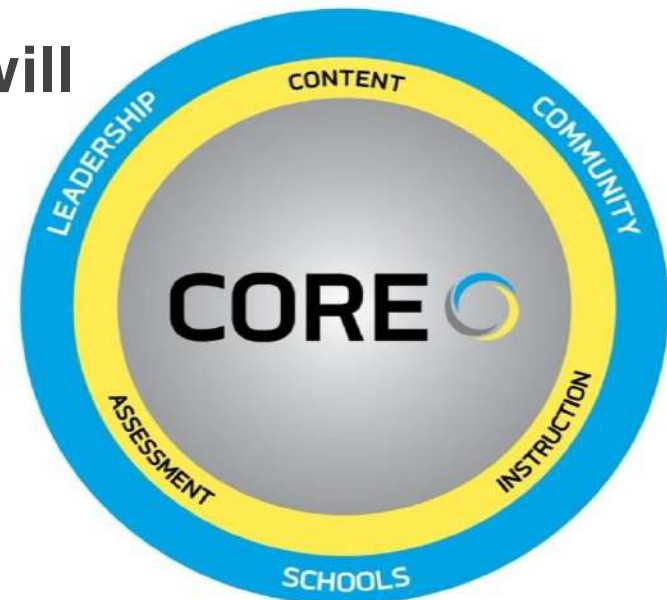
Content Alignment

- Building awareness
- Protocols and tools to assess alignment
- Plan for Action



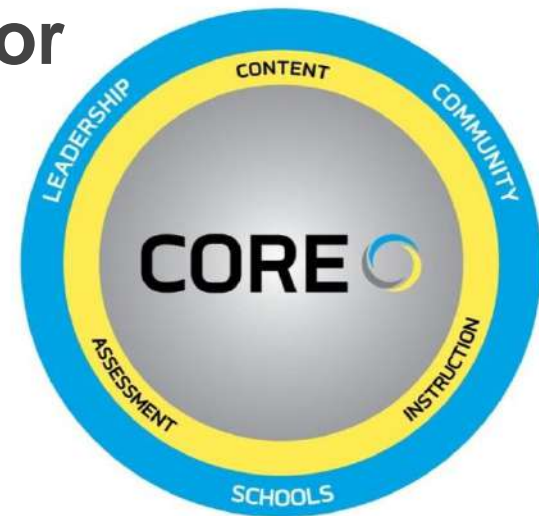
Instruction and Assessment

- **Build a common language**
- **Protocols and tools to analyze content and instruction**
- **Professional development that will improve instruction and assessment practices**
- **Connections among existing initiatives**



The Network

- **Delivers training and facilitation**
- **Provides protocols and tools for LEA implementation**
- **Provides ongoing support for the LEAs**



Core Curriculum Timeline

- **July 1, 2010** **Implementation Plan for Grades 9-12**
- **July 1, 2012** **Full Implementation of the Plan for Grades 9-12**
- **July 1, 2012** **Implementation Plan for Grades K-8**
- **2014-2015** **Full Implementation of Plan for Grades K-8**

Timeframe

2008-2009	2009-2013	2014-2015 & Beyond
Leadership Capacity Building	Planning & Implementation	Full Implementation & Continuous Improvement

What Can You Do?

<http://www.iowamodelcore.org>

- Essential Skills and Concepts
- Technical Assistance

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/674/714/>

- FAQs

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/1446/916/>

- AEA Leaders

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/1365/1157/>

- Judy Jeffrey's Podcast

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/854/1006/>

- School Leader Updates

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