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# NGSS: A Key to Unlocking the American Dream

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# Plenary Session On Next Generation Science Standards

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#### Q:

Why must we focus on science and STEM more generally in the realm of education?

#### A:

The population of the U.S. is about 300 million and is expected to continue to grow. So unless the amount of wealth continues to grow commensurately, on average the citizens of this nation will become poorer. Since WWII, economists have come to the conclusion that the major component to the growth of U.S. wealth comes from STEM related activities.

# NGSS: A Key To Unlocking The American Dream

Provenance: The National Research Council's "A Framework for K-12 Science Education"

Doctrine: The high quality learning of science, more importantly the skill set developed from this, can no longer be regarded as a realm only for the elite and must serve the goal of permitting the broadest possible access to the American Dream for this Nation's citizens (SJG).

Process: Intensely Collaborative Multi-State & State-Driven

Product: The Next Generation Science Standards

## Investment in an Educated Workforce -

The Secret to The American Dream

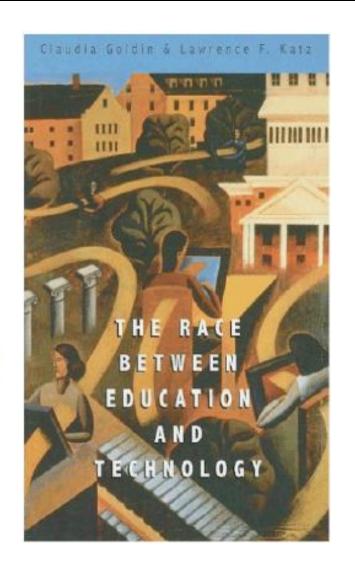
Claudia Goldin & Lawrence Katz

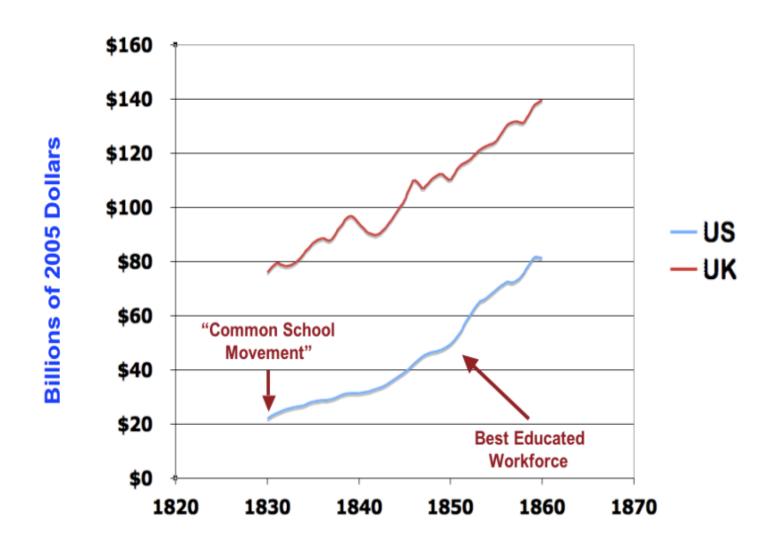
Early U.S. emphasis on education

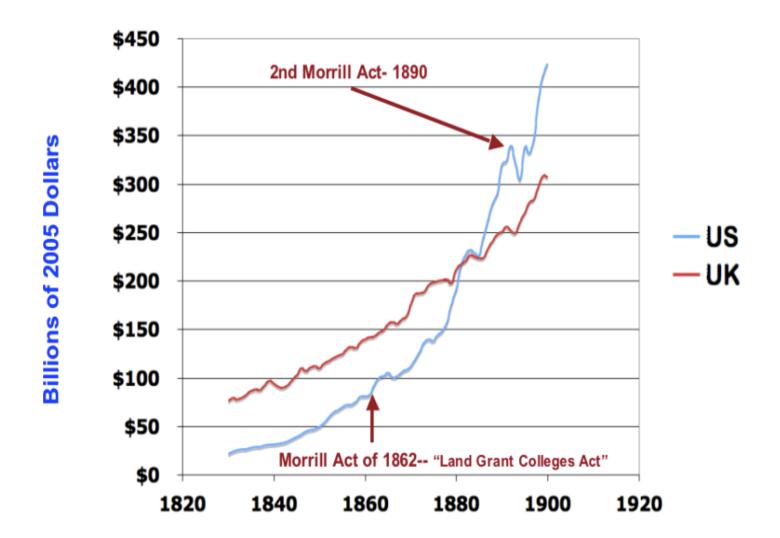
Best educated workforce (1850)

The high school movement (1910)

Lost momentum (1970s-present)







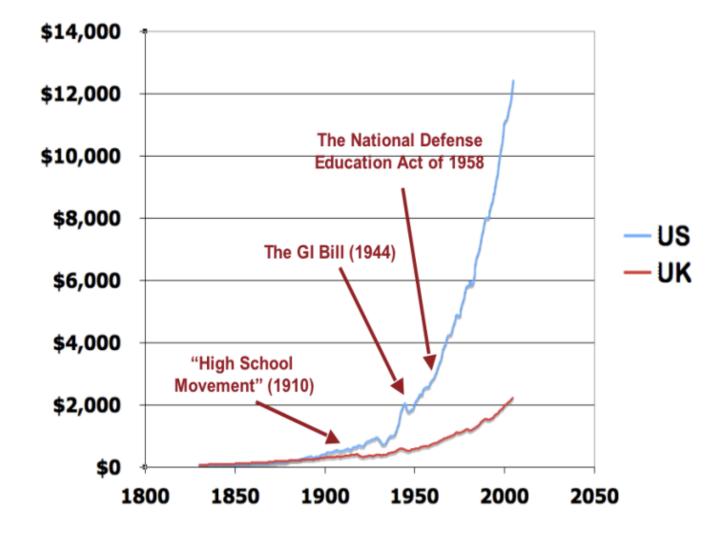
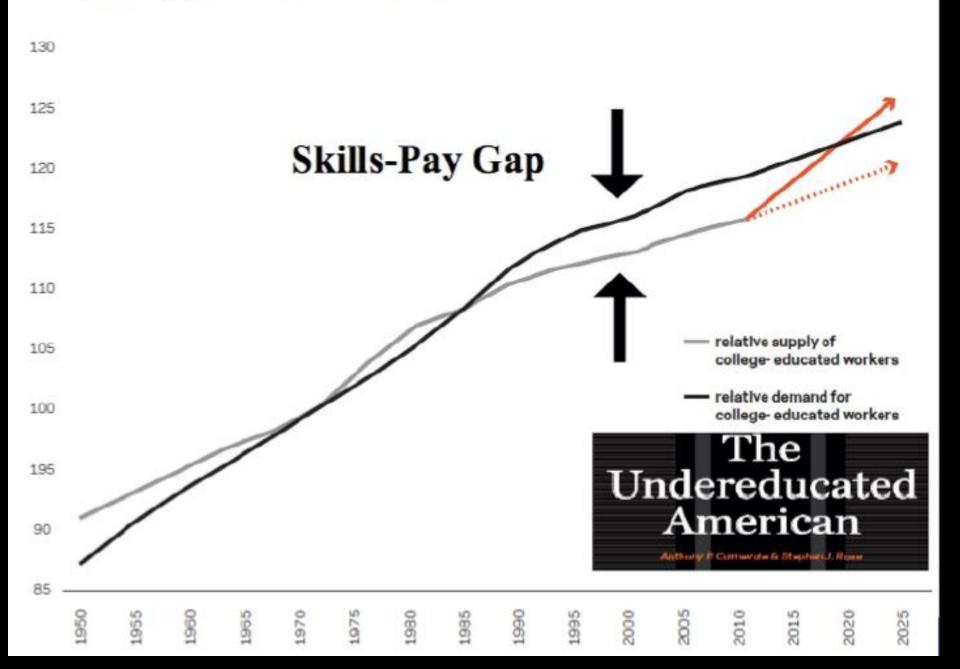


Figure 9. Supply and Demand with Two Paths Forward to 2025



Healthcare, community services and arts, and STEM are the three fastest growing occupational clusters. Healthcare support, however, will have very low wage growth.

TABLE 6: Occupations 2010-2020—fastest growing

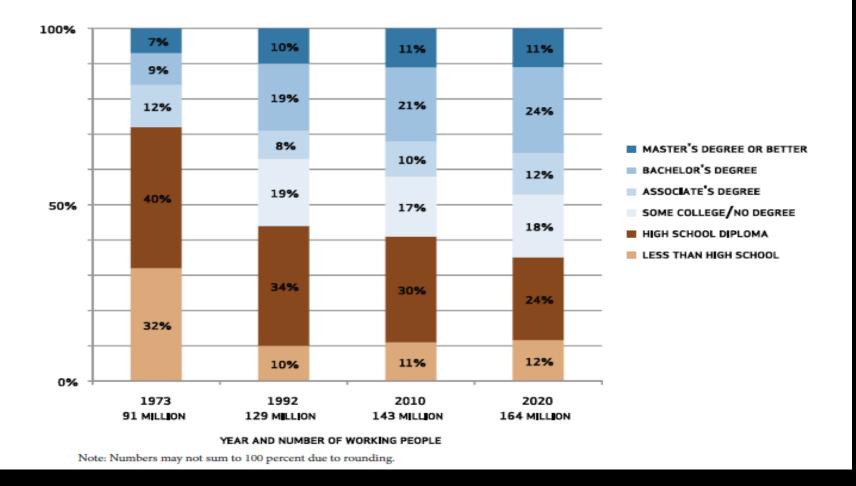
					Changes in employment 2010–2020		Rank	
Occupation	2010 Totaljobs ('000) Ran		2020 Total job ank ('000)		Increase in jobs ('000)	Rate of growth (% change)	Largest growth	Fastest growth
Healthcare professional & technical	6,480	6	8,490	6	2,010	31	5	1
Healthcare support	3,660	9	4,610	9	950	26	9	2
Community services & arts	6,290	7	7,920	7	1,630	26	7	3
STEM	6,050	8	7,600	8	1,550	26	8	4
Education	8,160	5	10,120	5	1,960	24	6	5
Managerial & professional office	19,980	4	24,740	4	4,760	24	1	6
Social science	700	10	830	10	130	19	10	7
Food & personal services	23,220	3	27,380	3	4,160	18	3	8
Sales & office support	37,660	1	42,130	1	4,470	12	2	9
Blue collar	28,400	2	30,750	2	2,350	8	4	10
Total jobs and rate of growth (% change)	140,600		164,590		23,990	17		



#### RECOVERY:

Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2020

By 2020, 65 percent of all jobs will require postsecondary education and training, up from 28 percent in 1973. FIGURE 4: Postsecondary education and training





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## Why is NGSS important?

Why do we need a 'Tin-Lizzy' version of science standards now?

#### USA

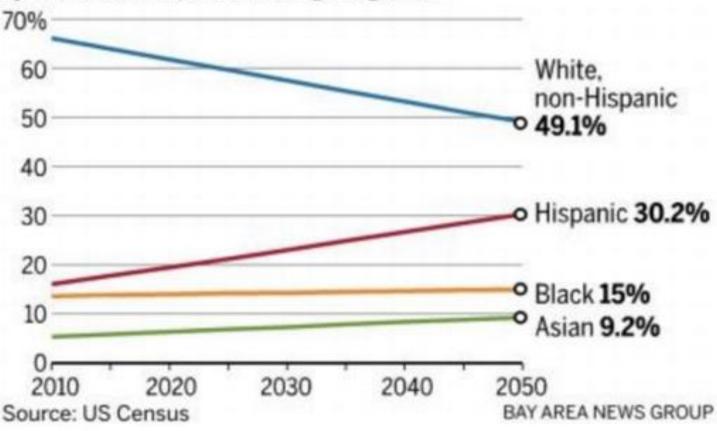
People QuickFacts	USA
Population, 2012 estimate	313,914,040
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	308,747,508
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	1.7%
Population, 2010	308,745,538
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2012	6.4%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2012	23.5%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2012	13.7%
Female persons, percent, 2012	50.8%
White alone, percent, 2012 (a)	77.9%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2012 (a)	13.1%
Merican Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2012 (a)	1.2%
Asian alone, percent, 2012 (a)	5.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2012 (a)	0.2%
Two or More Races, percent, 2012	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2012 (b)	16.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2012	63.0%

## Women have surpassed men in college attendance (2012).

Number of U.S. Colleges and Universities	Number	Enrollment	
Public 4-year institutions	629	6,837,605	
Private 4-year institutions	1,845	4,161,815	
Public 2-year institutions	1,070	6,184,229	
Private 2-year institutions	596	303,826	
Total	4,140	17,487,475	
Undergraduate		14,473,884	
Graduate		2,097,511	
Professional		329,076	
Degrees Awarded Annually:	Number		
Associate	696,660		
Bachelor's	1,439,264		
Master's	574,618		
Doctorate	52,631		
Professional	87,289		
Enrollment Demographics:			
Women	57.4%		
Full-time	61.7%		
Minority	30.9%		
Foreign	3.3%		

## Minorities on the rise

Minorities are projected to make up more than half of the U.S. populaton by 2050, with Hispanics leading the growth.

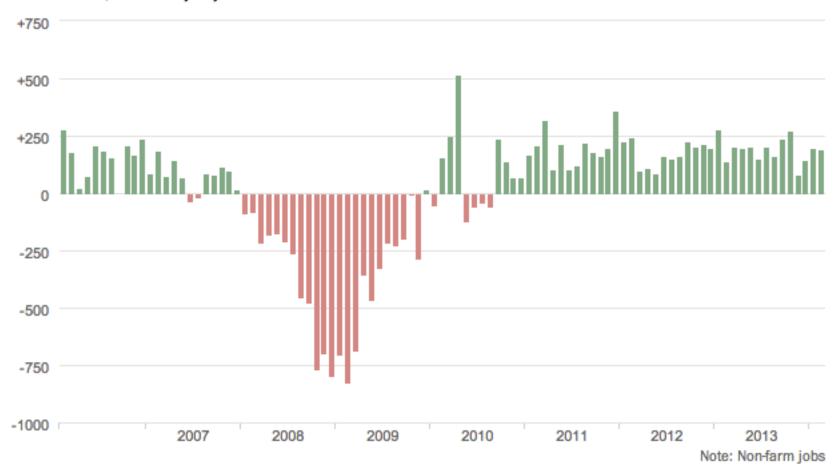


## 1845: Beginning A Struggle

The first school desegregation case occurred on the island of Nantucket. A young black female student educated in the black elementary school scored highest on admission exam at the local high school but was denied entrance. Absalom Boston, a black whaling captain and her father, supported the effort to integrate the school. After a legal suit the school is integrated.

#### U.S. jobs gained or lost

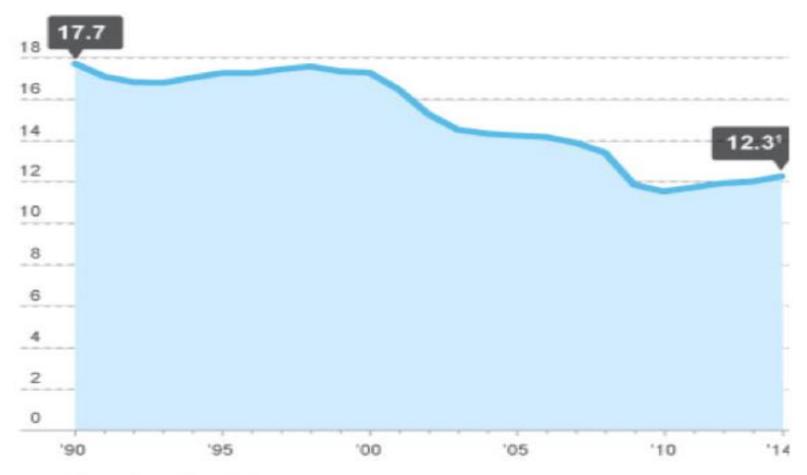
In thousands, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: The Bureau of Labor Statistics. GRAPHIC: The Washington Post.

#### Manufacturers are hiring again

U.S. MANUFACTURING COMPANIES HAVE SHED THOUSANDS OF WORKERS SINCE JOBS PEAKED IN THE LATE '70S, BUT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT HAS PICKED UP AGAIN. TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY YEAR (IN MILLIONS):

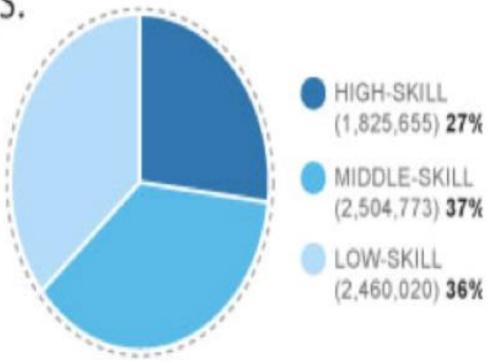


1 – Preliminary figure for August.
 Source Bureau of Labor Statistics

New jobs in the U.S.

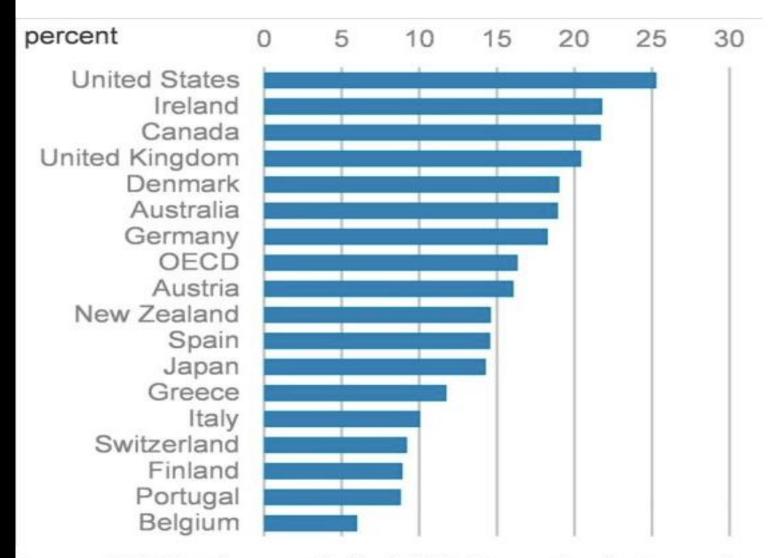
MIDDLE-SKILL JOBS, REQUIRING SOME POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BUT LESS THAN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE, ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE UP THE LARGEST SHARE OF NEW JOBS.

NEW JOBS CREATED 2013 TO 2017:



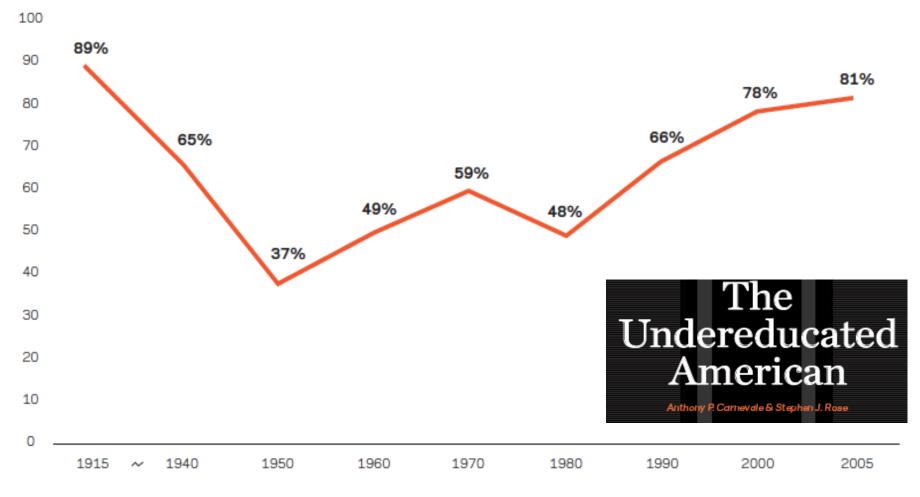
Sources Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., CareerBuilder FRANK POMPA, USA TODAY

Exhibit 4: Share of Low Wage Paying Jobs by Country, 2013



Source: OECD Employment Outlook 2013, Morgan Stanley Remorgan Stanley

Figure 3. Wage Premium of Skilled versus Unskilled Labor, 1915–2005

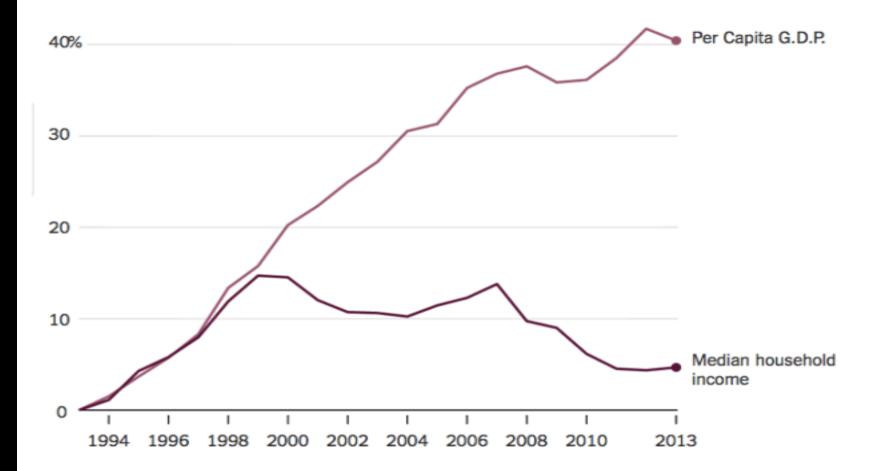


Source: Goldin and Katz (2008)8

# Growth Hasn't Translated Into Gains in Middle-Class Income

Until around 1999, overall economic growth tended to correspond with growth in earnings for middle-income Americans. Since then, the two have diverged sharply.

#### Percent change indexed to 1993 level



Source: Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### When income peaked

45 years ago 210 counties in 1969



35 years

25 years 141 counties in 1989



1,623 counties

15 years

5 years 213 counties in 2009

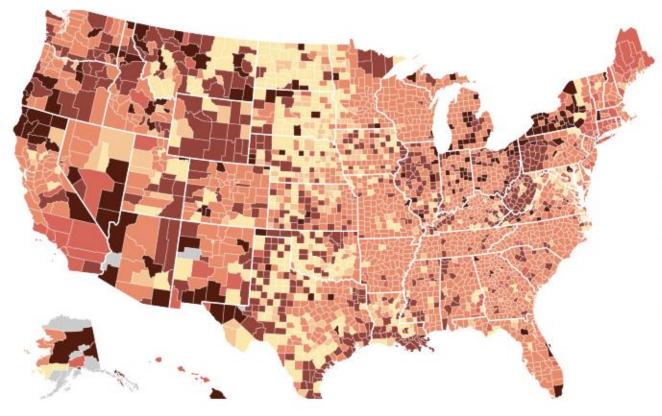




#### Search for a county

i.e, Frederick, Md.

Or click the map to zoom in



#### Los Angeles County, Calif.

The inflation-adjusted median household income in Los Angeles County, Calif., peaked in 1989 at \$65,688.

Here's how it compares to the U.S.

\$120,000

\$100,000

\$80,000



\$40,000

\$20,000





#### More Than Leaders. Leadership.

This survey was conducted from Sept. 9 – Nov. 6, 2014. Overall, 126 out of 232 companies responded, including 116 of 203 Business Roundtable member CEOs (57%) and 34 of 63 Change the Equation member CEOs (54%).\*

- CEOs say the skills gap is real and hurts business. Nearly 98% of CEOs say that the skills gap is a
  problem for their companies.
- Most open jobs require STEM knowledge and skills. Approximately 60% of job openings require basic STEM literacy and 42% require advanced STEM knowledge. Nearly two-thirds of job openings that require STEM skills are in manufacturing and other services.
- The biggest skills gaps are in advanced computer and quantitative knowledge. 62% of CEOs report problems finding qualified applicants for jobs requiring advanced computer/IT knowledge, and 41% report problems for jobs requiring advanced quantitative knowledge.
- Many job candidates lack basic STEM skills. 38% of respondents say that at least half of their entry-level applicants lack basic STEM literacy. 28% say that at least half of their new entry-level hires lack basic STEM literacy.

The implications are pretty clear.

If we want to have an citizen-based workforce that is equipped with the STEM-capable skills to advance the Nation's economic interest, we cannot continue to teach science as if it is for only an elite few.

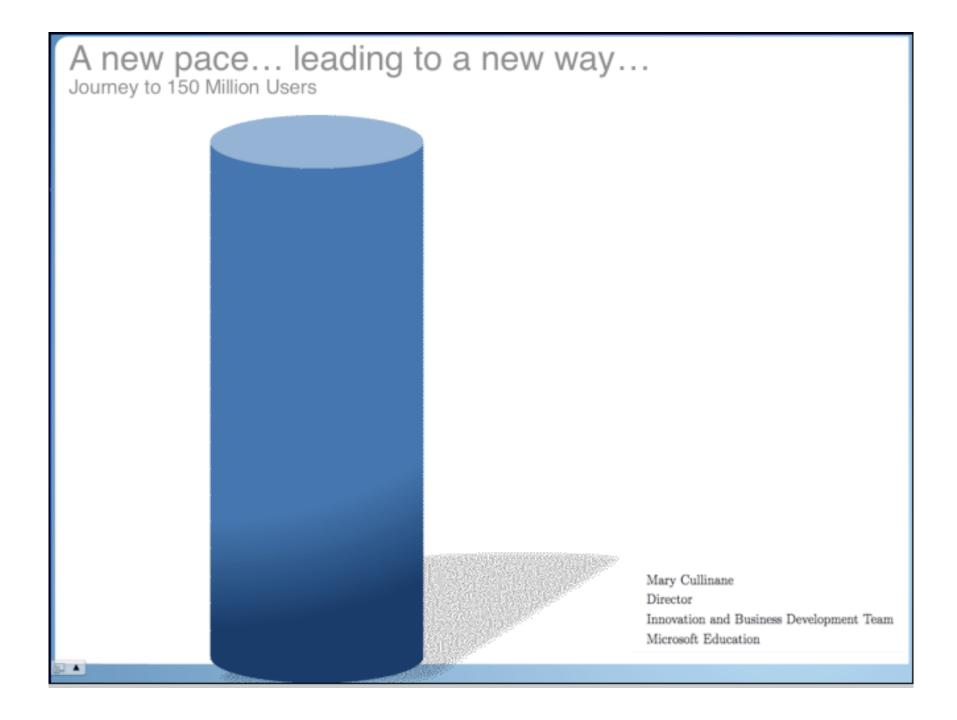
# Doctrine

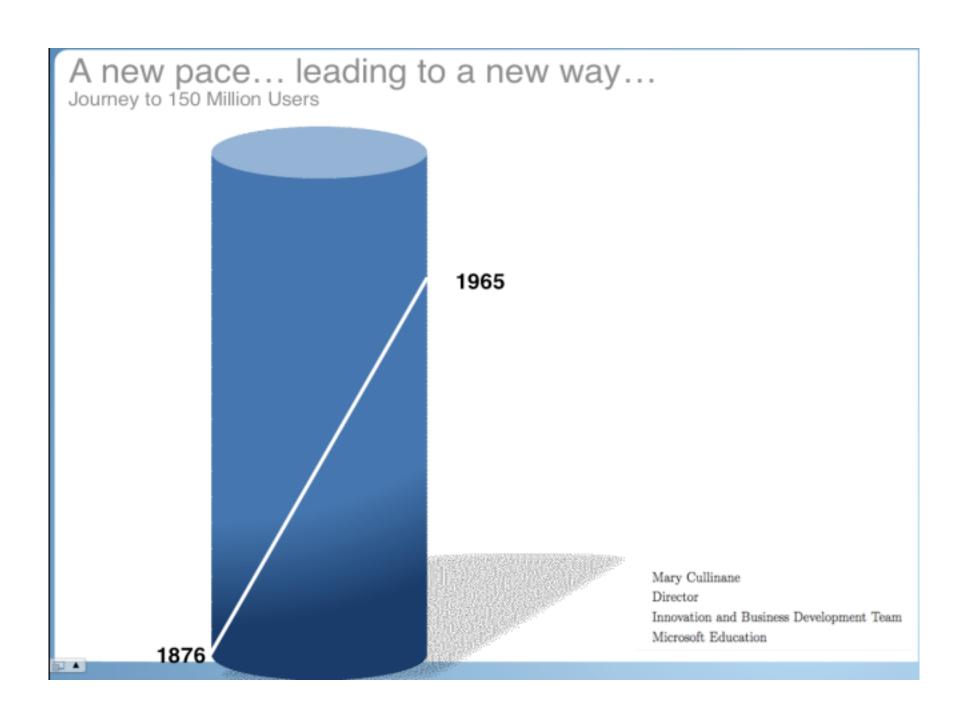


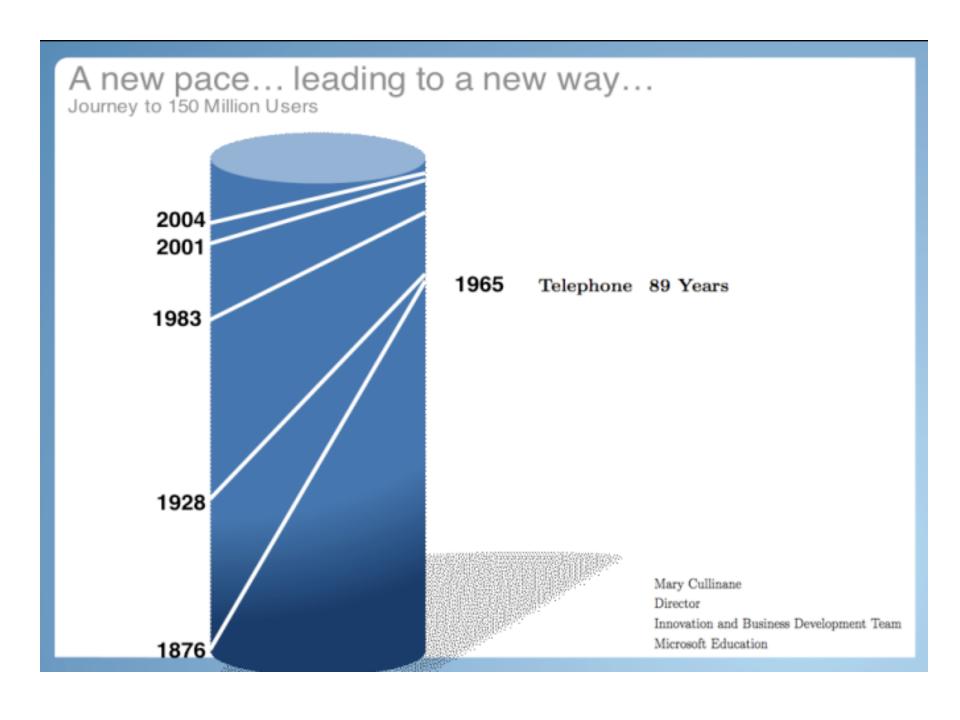
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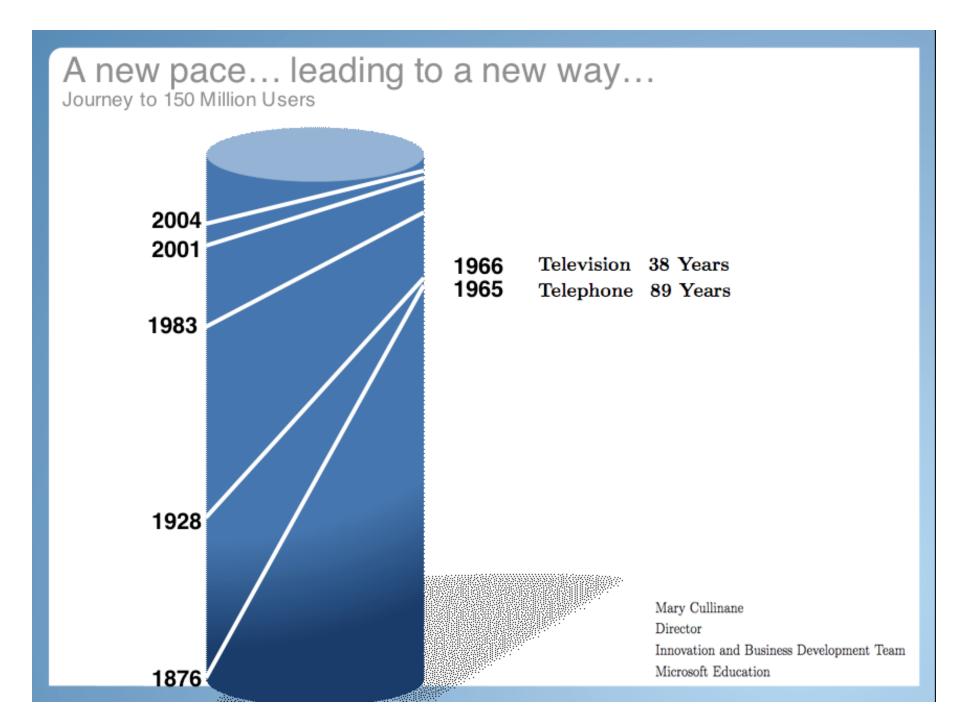
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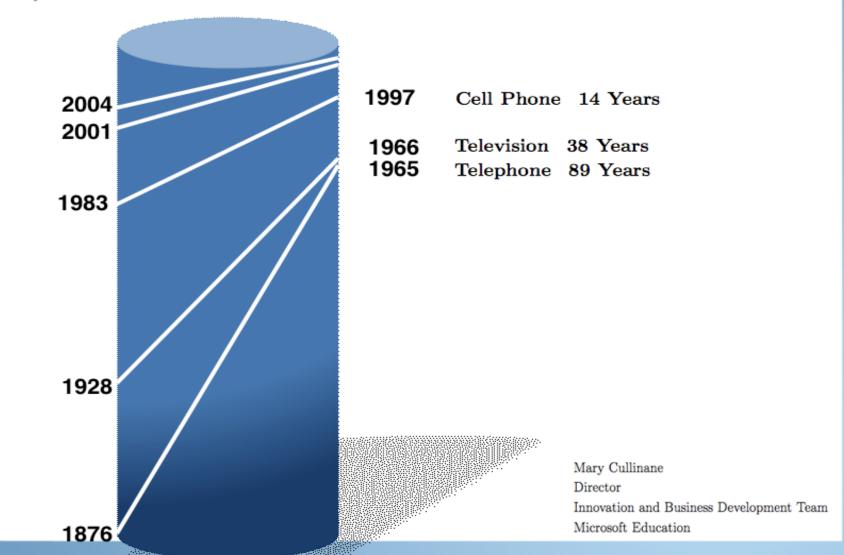




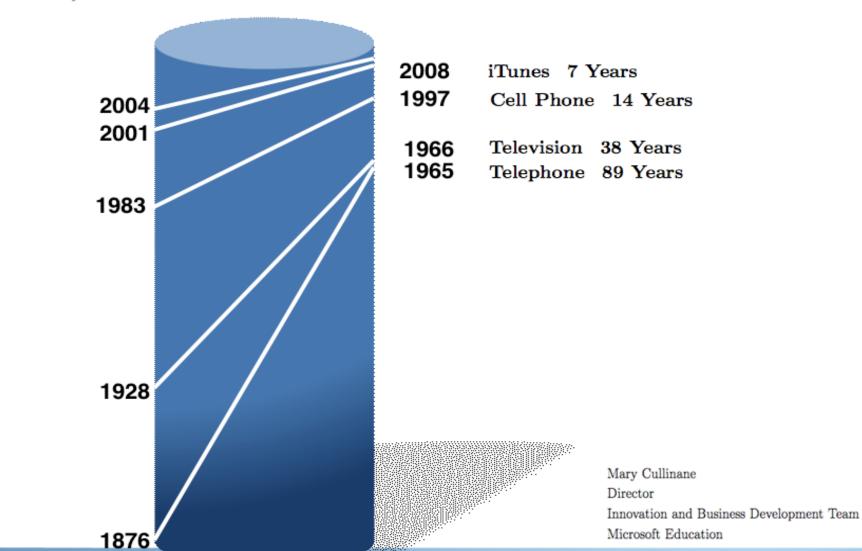




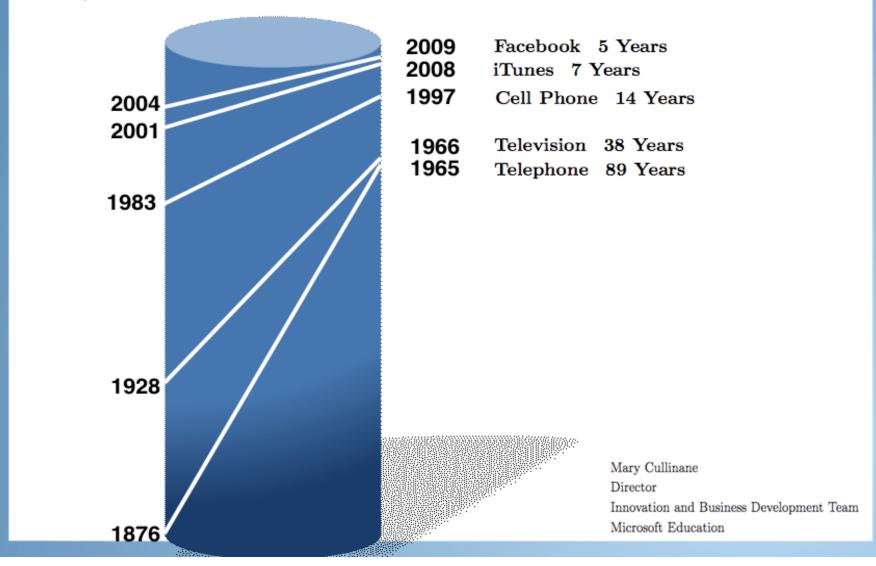




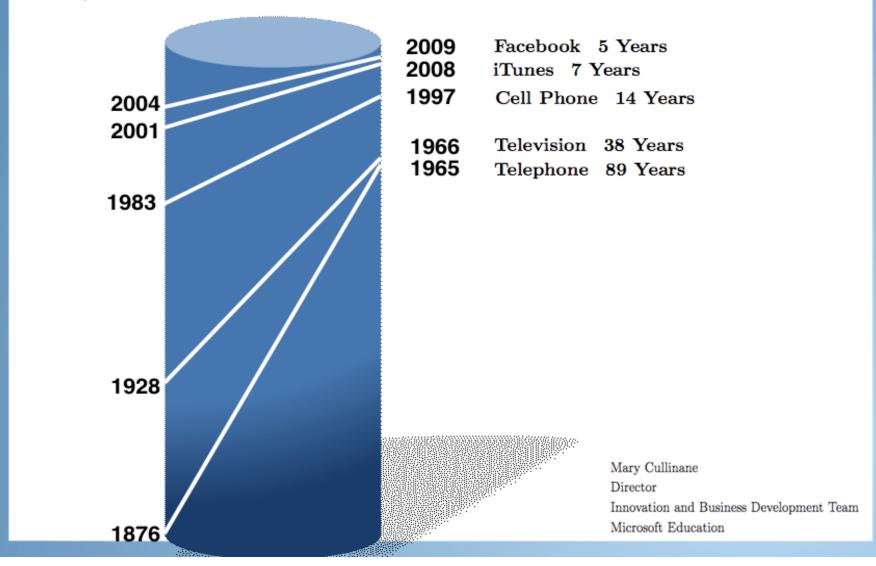


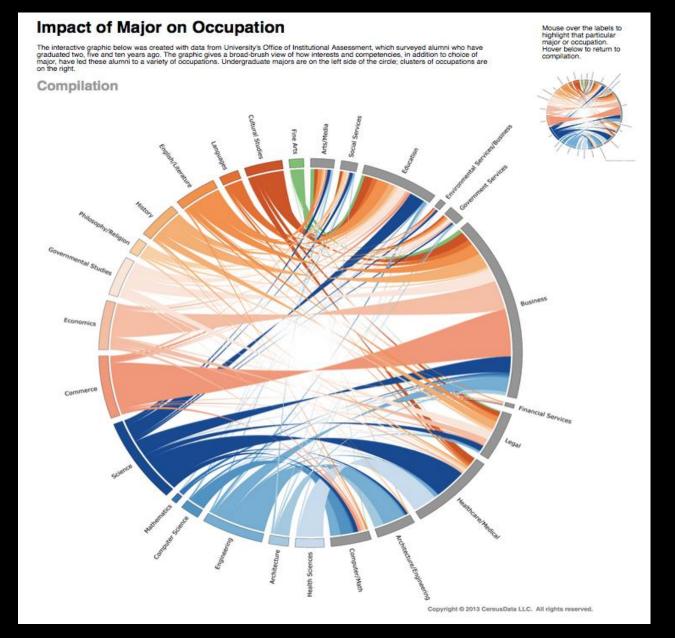


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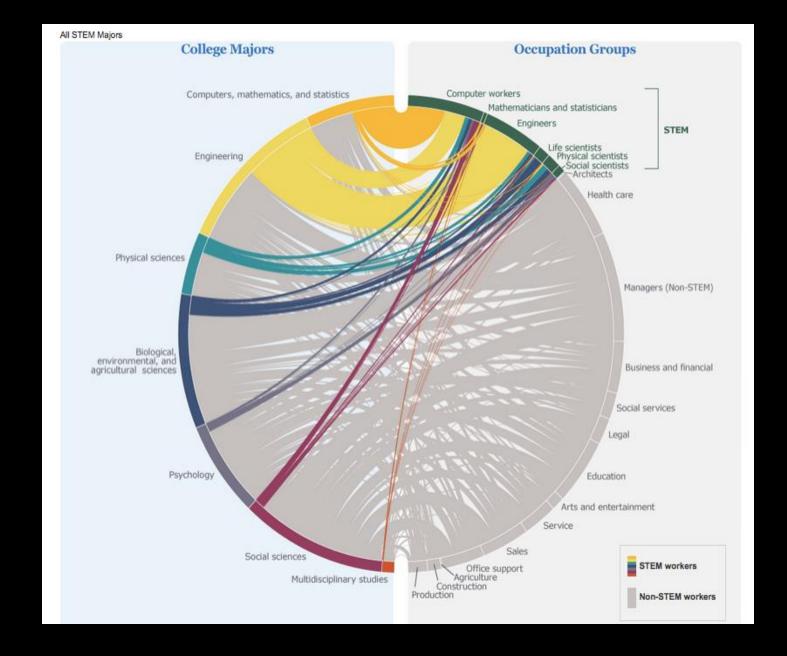


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#### How Technology Wrecks the Middle Class

By DAVID H. AUTOR AND DAVID DORN





#### transportation - autonomous transit

#### low-cost, on-demand transit

highly utilized, energy-efficient AVs reduce operating cost

#### productive, safe commute

massage car, video game car, meeting car, sleep car.... accident-free

#### land use transformation

free 20-40% of land devoted to parking / excess lanes

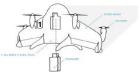


Tesla

Mercedes-Benz







matternet

project wing









#### AMERICA'S SKILLS CHALLENGE: Millennials and the Future



More specifically, the report on millennials — or those born after 1980 — shows that:

- Even though a greater percentage of young adults in the United States have been attaining higher levels of education since 2003, the numeracy scores of U.S. millennials whose highest level of education is "high school" and "above high school" have declined, from 264 to 247 and from 296 to 285, respectively, on a 500-point scale.
- The percentages of U.S. millennials scoring below Level 3 in numeracy the minimum standard has increased at all levels of educational attainment since 2003.
- U.S. millennials with a four-year bachelor's degree were outperformed by all other participating OECD countries except Poland and Spain.
- The scores of U.S millennials whose highest level of educational attainment was high school or less were lower than those of their counterparts in almost every other participating country.
- The "best-educated" millennials those with a master's or research degree were outperformed by their peers in all other OECD nations except for Ireland, Poland and Spain.

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The U.S. performance looks bleak even when disaggregated along demographic lines. For instance:

- Across all levels of parental educational attainment which was strongly correlated with skills in all countries there was no country where millennials scored lower than those in the United States.
- The gap in scores between U.S millennials with the highest level of parental educational attainment and those with the lowest was among the highest of the participating countries, at 61 points, compared to other countries such as the Republic of Korea, Ireland and Finland, where the gap is as low as 20, 27 and 30 points, respectively.
- In most countries, native-born millennials scored higher than foreign-born millennials. However, native-born U.S. millennials did not perform higher than their peers in any other country, the report states.

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Percentage of adults age 16–34 performing below the minimum standard of proficiency level on PIAAC literacy, numeracy, and problem solving in technology-rich environments (PS-TRE) scales, by participating country/region: 2012

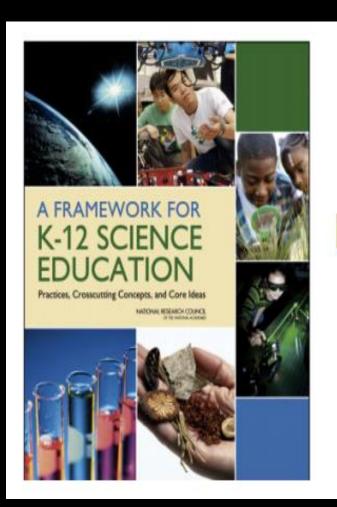
Country/region	Literacy, % below level 3	Numeracy, % below level 3	PS-TRE, % below level 2
OECD average	41	47	44
Australia	38*	51*	43*
Austria	43*	42*	43*
Canada	43*	50*	45*
Czech Republic	39*	40*	42*
Denmark	42*	43*	40*
England and Northern Ireland (UK)	49	58*	50*
Estonia	37*	43*	48*
Finland	23*	32*	32*
Flanders (Belgium)	34*	35*	40*
France	46	54*	_
Germany	42*	44*	43*
Ireland	50	59*	54
Italy	60*	63	_
Japan	19*	33*	33*
Netherlands	28*	36*	38*
Norway	39*	43*	38*
Poland	45*	53*	55
Republic of Korea	30*	42*	40*
Slovak Republic	44*	43*	54
Spain	59*	65	_
Sweden	35*	40*	35*
United States	50	64	56

<sup>—</sup> Not available.

SOURCE: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), 2012.

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#### Provenance





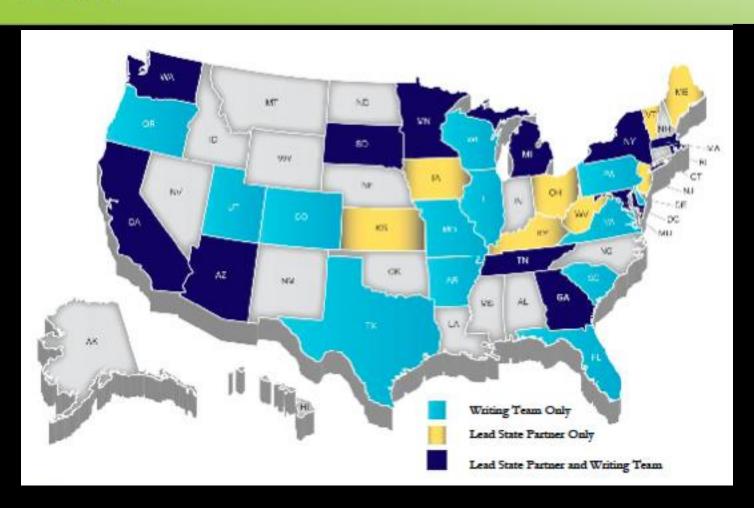
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CURRENT PHASE

The Next Generation Science Standards are released

Explore the standards

#### About NGSS

Next Generation Science Standards for Today's Students at Tomorrow's Workforce: Through a collaborative, state-led process managed by Achieve, new K-12 science standards have been developed that are rich in content and practice, arranged in a coherent manner across disciplines and grades to provide all students an internationally benchmarked science education. The NGSS is based on the Framework for K-12 Science Education developed by the National Research Council.

#### Latest News

Science, Education, and Business Communities Widely Endorse the Next Generation Science Standards June 14.2013

APS and ACS Education Divisions Endorse the NGSS June 13: 2013

Interactive Online Version of NGSS Released May 17, 2013

#### Resources



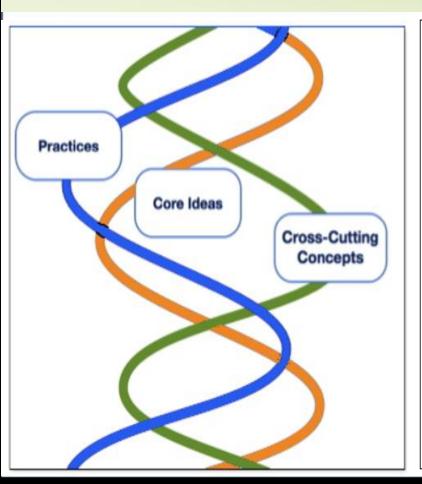
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#### Three Dimensions Intertwined



- The NGSS are written as Performance Expectations
- NGSS will require contextual application of the three dimensions by students.
- Focus is on how and why as well as what

#### SCIENCE EDUCATION

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A Framework for K-12 Science Standards: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas

#### COMMITTEE ON A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR NEW SCIENCE EDUCATION STANDARDS

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#### HOW THE FRAMEWORK WAS DEVELOPED

NRC convened a committee of 18 experts in education and scientists from many disciplines to develop the framework drawing on their own expertise, current research, and guidance from small teams of specialists.



A draft of the framework was released in the summer of 2010 to gather comments from scientists, teachers, and the public. The National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and other groups aided this effort by collecting feedback from their members.



The committee revised the draft in response to all the comments received.



As a final step to ensure high quality, the framework went through the NRC's intensive peer-review process. More than 20 experts in the sciences, engineering, and teaching and learning provided detailed comments.



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# SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES

# CORE IDEAS

# CROSSCUTTING CONCEPTS

## The Two Ways To Teach Arithmetic (and Science)

#### Content

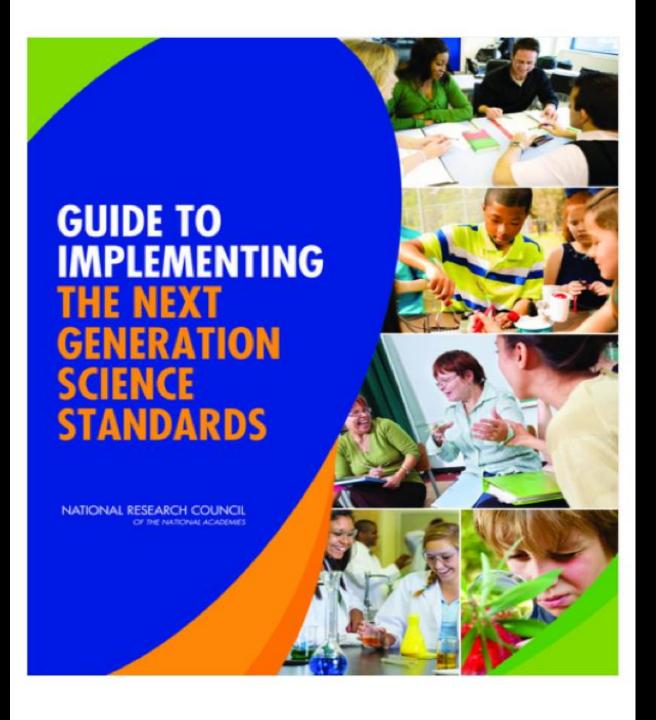
**(1.)** 

Teach students how memorize 1+1=2, 1+2=3, etc., etc., etc., etc. (i.e. the Yul Brunner methodology).

#### **Process**

**(**2.**)** 

Teach students the process that goes behind these memorized results so that they are able to add any two numbers, even ones they have never encountered about before.



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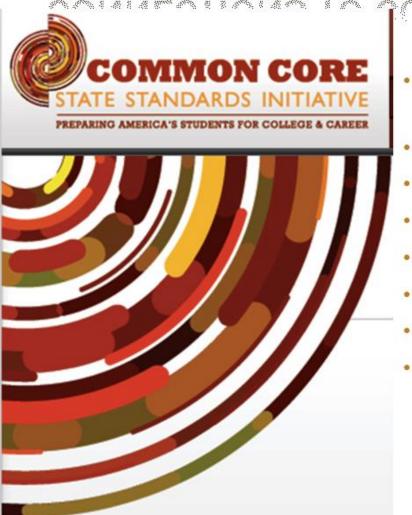
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- (7.) Ensure that communication is ongoing and relevant.

# The Common Core State Standards Connection

#### CONNECTIONS TO CCSS LITERACY



- Determine Central Ideas (RST
   2)
- Evidence (RST 1 & WHST9)
- Analysis (RST 5)
- Evaluate Hypotheses (RST 8)
- Synthesize Information (RST 9)
- Writing Arguments (WHST 1)
- Use of Technology (WHST 6)
- Speaking and Listening (SL 1-6)

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A: It depends in part on whether you think memorization is equivalent to rigor?

#### Comparing 'Old Gen'-SS to NGSS

#### Middle level

#### National Science Education Standards (1996)

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If more than one force acts on an object along a straight line, then the forces will reinforce or cancel one another, depending on their direction and magnitude. Unbalanced forces will cause changes in the speed or direction of an object's motion.

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Core Ideas: The motion of an object is determined by the sum of the forces acting on it. If the total force is not zero, its motion will change. The greater the mass of an object the greater the force needed to achieve the same change in motion. For any given object a larger force causes a larger change in motion.

All positions of objects and their direction of forces and motions must be described in an arbitrarily chosen reference frame and arbitrarily chosen units of size. In order to share information with other people, these choices must also be shared.

#### Comparing 'Old Gen'-SS to NGSS

Middle level	National Science Education Standards (1996)	Middle Level	Next Generation Science Standards (2014)	
		Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.		
	Crosscutting Concept: Stability and change — Explanation of stability and change in natural or designed systems can be constructed by examining the changes overtime and forces at different scales.  Scientific and Engineering Practices: Plan an investigation individually or collaboratively, and in the design, identify independent and dependent variables and controls, what tools are needed to do the gathering, how measurements will be recorded, and how many data points are needed to support a claim.			

#### Workers

Learning Style Acquired Skill Sets Employment History

#### Middle-Skill Jobs

Skill Assessments Career Counseling Effective Training Programs Available Jobs Accepted Credentials Desired Employee Skills

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**Employers** 

### Thank You.

