

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 15-03

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON COMMON CORE REVIEW

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Constitution compels the state to “adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education.”

WHEREAS: The General Assembly has required the state to adopt Academic Content Standards and Curriculum Frameworks that are “rigorous, specific, sequenced, clear, focused, and measurable, whenever possible.”

WHEREAS: In addition, the General Assembly calls for the state to hold Academic Content Standards and Curriculum Frameworks that “reflect high expectations for the students and an in-depth master of the content.”

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to provide high quality education by adopting high standards and holding high expectations for all students.

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to allow school districts a degree of flexibility to meet the unique needs of all of the students of Arkansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

1. There is hereby created the Governor’s Council on Common Core Review (the “Council”), which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body to the Governor.
2. The Council shall be comprised of sixteen (16) members, each of whom shall be selected by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Governor hereby appoints the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the chair of the Council.
3. The Council shall be composed of open-minded individuals, including educators, parents, business leaders, and other stakeholders from across the state.
4. The Council shall provide recommendations to the Governor that address the standards, the implementation of the standards, local flexibility in teaching, the assessments, and student data privacy surrounding the assessments.
5. Upon request, the Department of Education may provide staff and other personnel to support the work of the Council.
6. This Executive Order shall continue in full force and effect until such time as the Governor announces the work of the Council is complete.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on the 11th day of February, in the Year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE