

## Major Education Reforms Enacted Since 2008

- ✓ Improved math, English and science standards for every student in the state through adoption of the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.
- ✓ Updated our state assessments to test each student on these new standards, starting in the 2014-15 school year.
- ✓ Tied high school graduation to passing certain assessments for math, English and biology, and now every student needs to take three credits of math to graduate.
- ✓ Developed a new way to measure school achievement based on student growth, providing transparency to the public about school performance in reading, writing, math, science and graduation rates. This is key to closing the achievement gap.
- ✓ Fully revised the teacher principal evaluation program, changing the way principals and teachers teach and are evaluated.
- ✓ Set up a state framework for assessing schools, providing extra help to those struggling, and if needed, state intervention in those schools.
- ✓ Set up funding formulas to focus more attention on struggling students and English Language Learner students, so they can compete on a level playing field with their classmates.
- ✓ Expanded full-day kindergarten programs and WaKids early skills kindergarten inventory to best prepare our youngest learners.