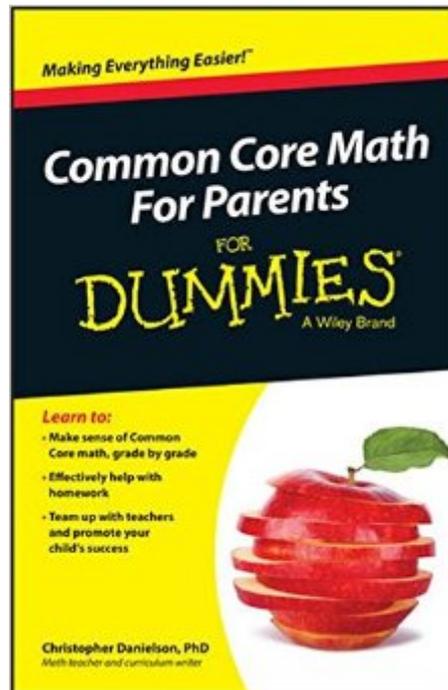


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# Common Core Math For Parents For Dummies With Videos Online



## Synopsis

Help your child succeed with a better understanding of Common Core Math. Common Core Math For Parents For Dummies is packed with tools and information to help you promote your child's success in math. The grade-by-grade walk-through brings you up to speed on what your child is learning, and the sample problems and video lessons help you become more involved as you study together. You'll learn how to effectively collaborate with teachers and keep tabs on your child's progress, so minor missteps can be corrected quickly, before your child falls behind. The Common Core was designed to improve college- and career-readiness, and to prepare U.S. students to be more competitive on an international stage when it's time to enter the workforce. This guide shows you how the standards were created, and how they've evolved over time to help ensure your child's future success. The Common Core Math Standards prepare students to do real math in the real world. Many new teaching methods are very different from the way most parents learned math, leading to frustration and confusion as parents find themselves unable to help with homework or explain difficult concepts. This book cuts the confusion and shows you everything you need to know to help your child succeed in math. Understand the key concepts being taught in your child's grade. Utilize the homework tools that help you help your child. Communicate more effectively with your child's teacher. Guide your child through sample problems to foster understanding. The Common Core was designed to ensure that every student, regardless of location or background, receives the education they need. Math skills are critical to real-world success, and the new standards reflect that reality in scope and rigorousness. Common Core Math For Parents For Dummies helps you help your child succeed.

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## Customer Reviews

The author of the book, Christopher Danielson, (on Twitter as @trianglemancsd), does a comprehensive job of summarizing and interpreting the Common Core standards for grades K through 12. As someone who has only taught grades 6 to 8, it was great to see how the standards progressed. I also am now much more able to answer anyone's questions about the standards. Don't be thrown off by it being for parents, or for dummies for that matter. This book is for teachers, administrators, and of course parents and anyone interested in math education. I actually was obsessed with *Macs for Dummies* and the author David Pogue as a teenager and love the style of the book and the readability. I took notes on interesting points from the book and some questions that I have. One topic I liked when he discussed fractions was common denominators. We don't talk about being able to compare fractions with common denominators ever such as what's bigger,  $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{2}{4}$ . He also talked about how you can't compare two different units, it's like comparing apples and orange. He also pointed a confusing yet commonly incorrectly solved order of operation problem that is  $48 / 2(9+3)$ . I got it wrong the first time too. An interesting question to ask a 5th or 6th grade class is: why is there no such thing as a LCF or GCM (least common factor or greatest common multiple). This will create a very interesting discussion about vocabulary. When talking about statistics, a cool way would be comparing heights of 5th and 6th, or 6th and 7th graders at a school. The Common Core does call for mean absolute deviation, though I am still unclear about the applications and what type of context it could be introduced to students in.

What a wonderful & enlightening little book! Danielson has written a much needed book for this time of debate and confusion over the Common Core Math Standards. In this slim volume, Danielson succinctly clarifies for parents the major shift in math education toward thinking & sense-making and outlines the key learning goals for each grade (K through 9 and into high school). He writes with great respect for parents' concerns for their children's math education. Chapters 3 and 4, which focus on the Standards for Mathematical Practice and Homework Assignments, are must-reads for any parent who is feeling puzzled by what they see their child bring home and is unsure how it fits into rigorous, high quality math instruction. In addition to helping parents better understand the math their children are learning in school, Danielson concludes his book with a collection of twenty fabulous resources and suggestions for doing math with kids at home. It is clear that his goal is to

empower parents to engage meaningfully in their children's math learning. Although Danielson's book is titled Common Core Math for Parents, I think it is also a valuable resource for educators. The concise way in which Danielson has managed to present the goals of the practice standards can provide practical guidelines for teachers as they continue to implement these new standards in their teaching. And the clear summaries of key learning goals for each grade can help classroom teachers gain a better understanding of the entire learning progression of their students, from the years leading up to the grade they teach to those far beyond it.

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