



# Preparing Our Students for a Changing World

Maryland's College and Career Ready Standards Unlock Students' Potential

## THE CHALLENGE:

- More Maryland students are graduating high school than ever before, which is great.
- But too many students are not prepared to do college-level work—or to compete for skilled jobs after graduation.
- We need to close the “skills gap”—and ensure our children graduate ready to succeed.

## WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

- Today's colleges and employers seek young adults who can:
- Analyze and solve problems
  - Apply math, science, and technology in a real-world setting
  - Write and think clearly
- Education needs to keep pace with our changing society.

## THE SOLUTION:

- **Enriched Content.** Teachers use our new standards to drill down more deeply into math, English, social studies, science, the arts, and more.
- **Hands-on Learning.** Students can often apply what they learn—from building a robot to following the stock market.
- **Following Students' Progress.** Teacher observations and smarter ways to test knowledge keep us on track.

## HOW CAN WE SUCCEED TOGETHER?

- **Teachers** are receiving new training in math instruction, technology, science and more—to bring back to classrooms.
- **Students** are mastering more complex information, gaining new skills, and working independently and in groups.
- **Parents** can encourage their children to reach higher, try new activities, and discover new passions.

## HOW DOES PARCC FIT IN?

- PARCC assessments will provide all of us with the most accurate snapshot yet of how well students are learning what they need to know to move on to the next grade or graduate ready for college and career.
- Teachers can use this information to guide instruction at each grade level—so everyone is prepared to succeed.