



**THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS:
MOVING BEYOND AWARENESS TO CLASSROOM
IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT**

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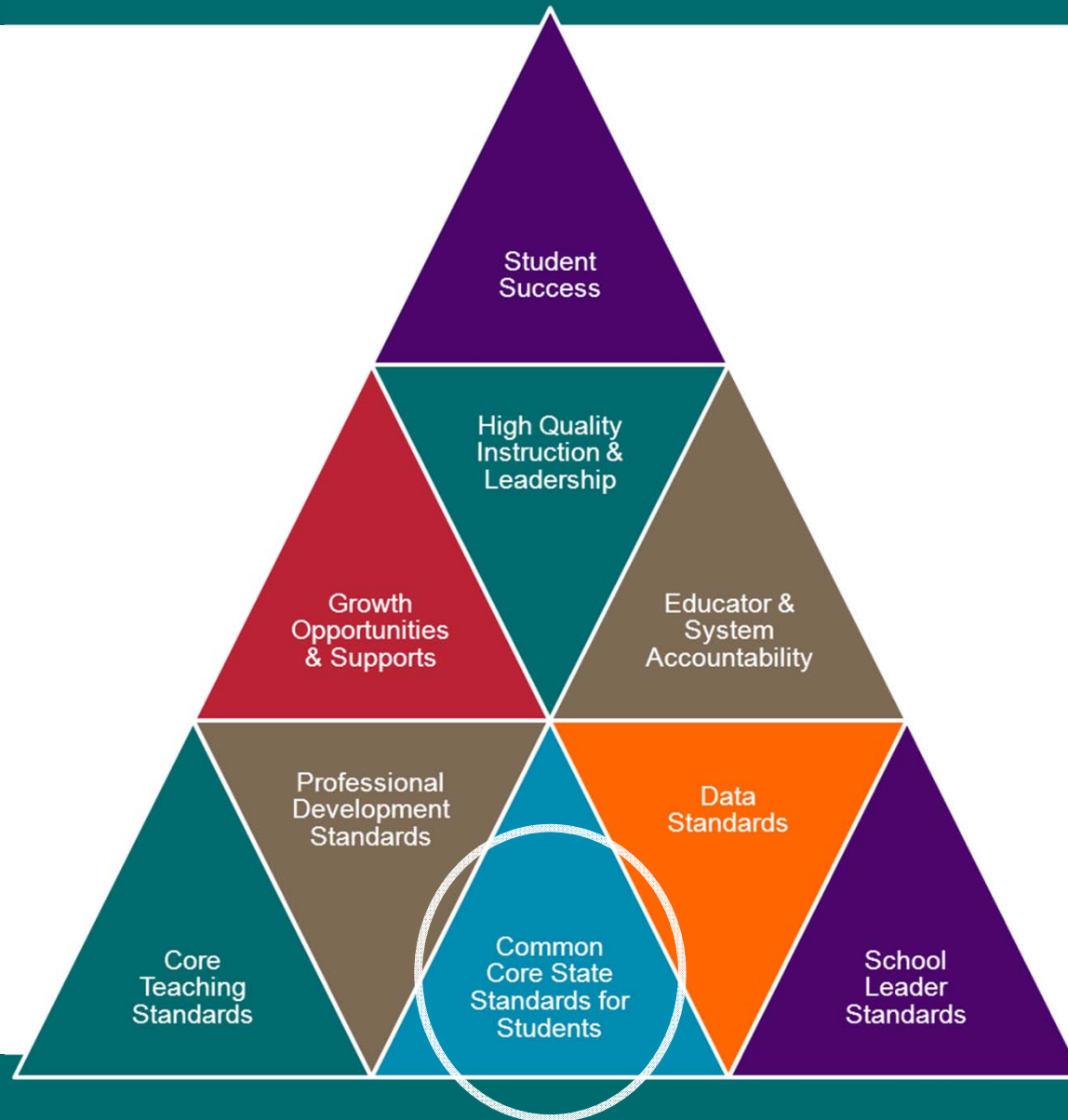
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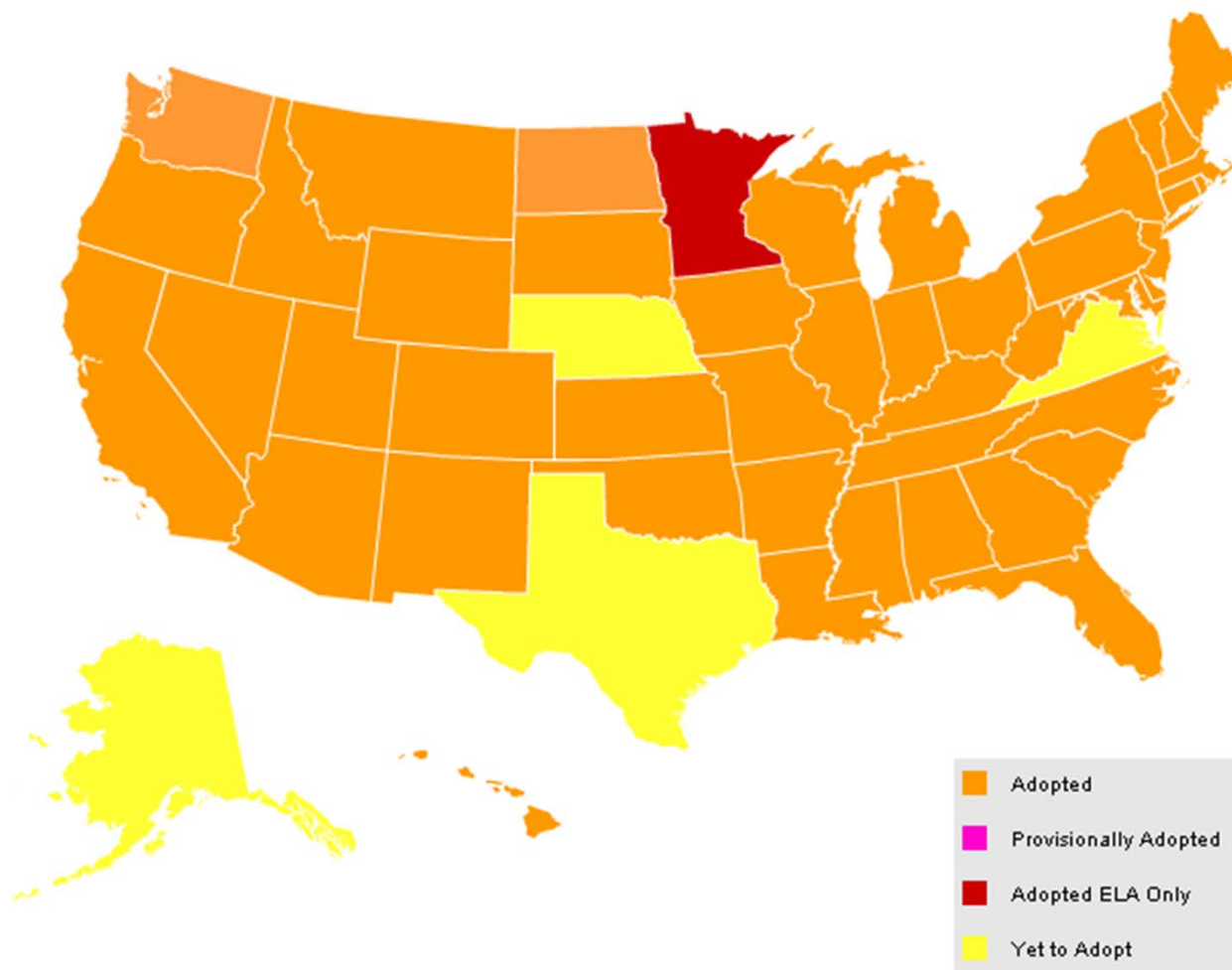


Transforming the Education System



Common Core State Standards Adoption

(as of January 2012)



45 states and D.C. have fully adopted the Common Core State Standards and Minnesota has adopted only the ELA standards.



Implementation Occurring Now

- ⌘ Professional development for teachers, principals, district staff, superintendents
 - Key shifts in the Common Core compared to current standards
 - Deeper information on big issues, such as text complexity and focus in mathematics on critical topics for each grade level
- ⌘ Guidance to districts on selecting instructional materials and developing curricula aligned to the Common Core
- ⌘ Suggestions on what to incorporate into instruction this school year and each subsequent year until common assessments in place



Key Implementation Topics for States

- ⌘ **Instructional materials and curricula:** what you take away from what you're teaching along with what you need to add
- ⌘ **Professional development:** beyond awareness of the standards – professional learning communities, ongoing, job-embedded professional development
- ⌘ **Instruction and assessments:** depth of understanding required of students
- ⌘ **Literacy in content areas:** challenges traditional role of teachers in all disciplines and secondary school structure



CCSSO Implementation Supports

- ⌘ Implementing the Common Core Standards (ICCS) collaborative of 28 states
 - Meets in teams three times annually
 - Mentorship from 'Coaches' (former state superintendents)
 - Newsletter and online collaborative spaces- spaces.ccsso.org
 - Webinar series on implementation issues
- ⌘ ASCD Partnership on State Summits and EdSteps writing samples
- ⌘ College Readiness Partnership with SHEEO and AASCU
- ⌘ Learning Forward Partnership with Kentucky
- ⌘ Ongoing national advocacy
- ⌘ Communications supports for states



National Implementation Resources

The James B. Hunt Institute and CCSSO created a series of free video vignettes that explain the Standards in depth.

www.ccsso.org



National Implementation Resources

- ⌘ National PTA – Common Core Parent Guide
 - www.pta.org/parentguides
- ⌘ Student Achievement Partners (Standards writers)
 - www.achievethecore.org
- ⌘ Math Common Core Coalition
 - www.mathccc.org
- ⌘ New York State Common Core Website
 - www.engageny.org

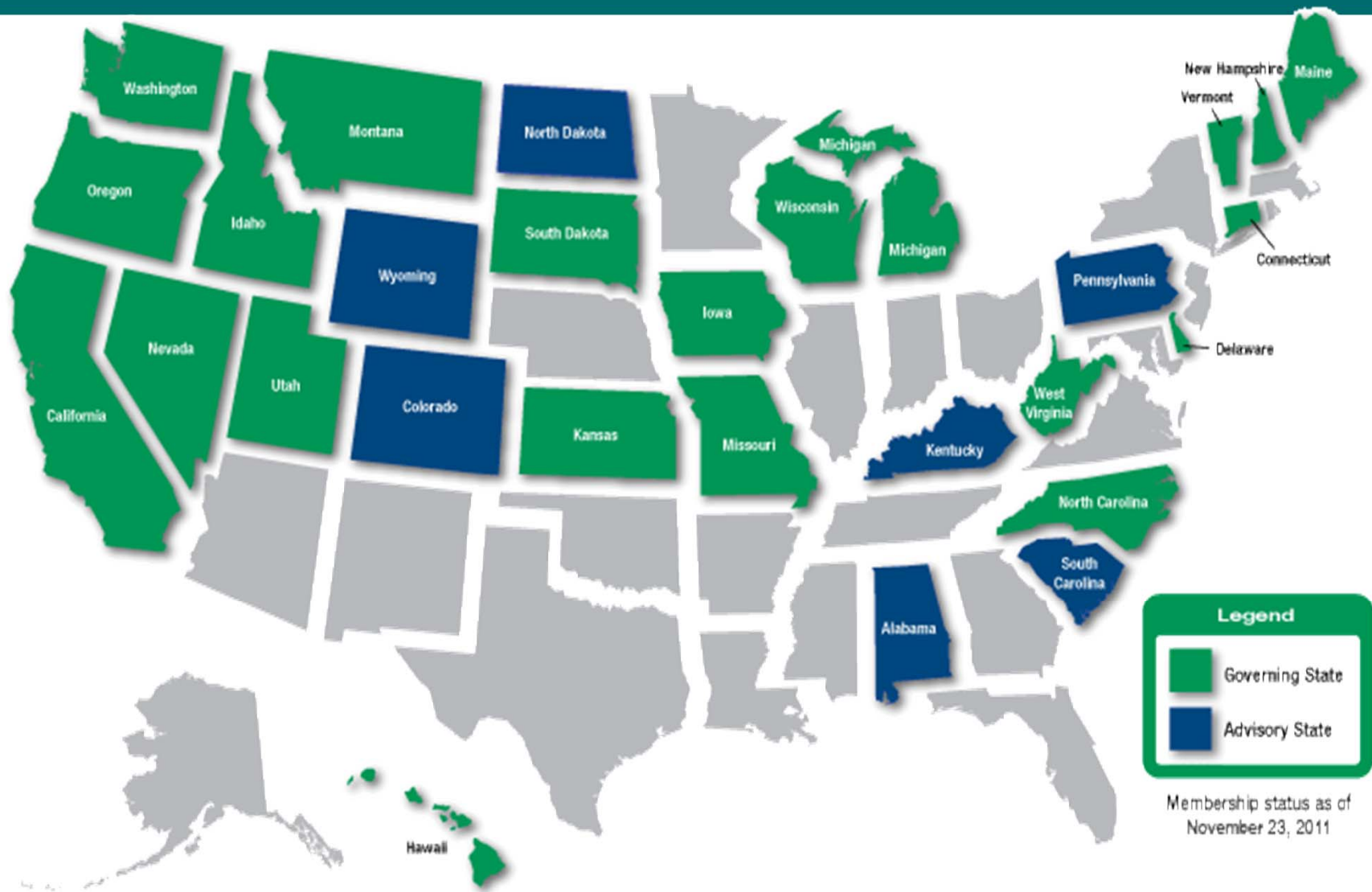


New Common Summative Assessments

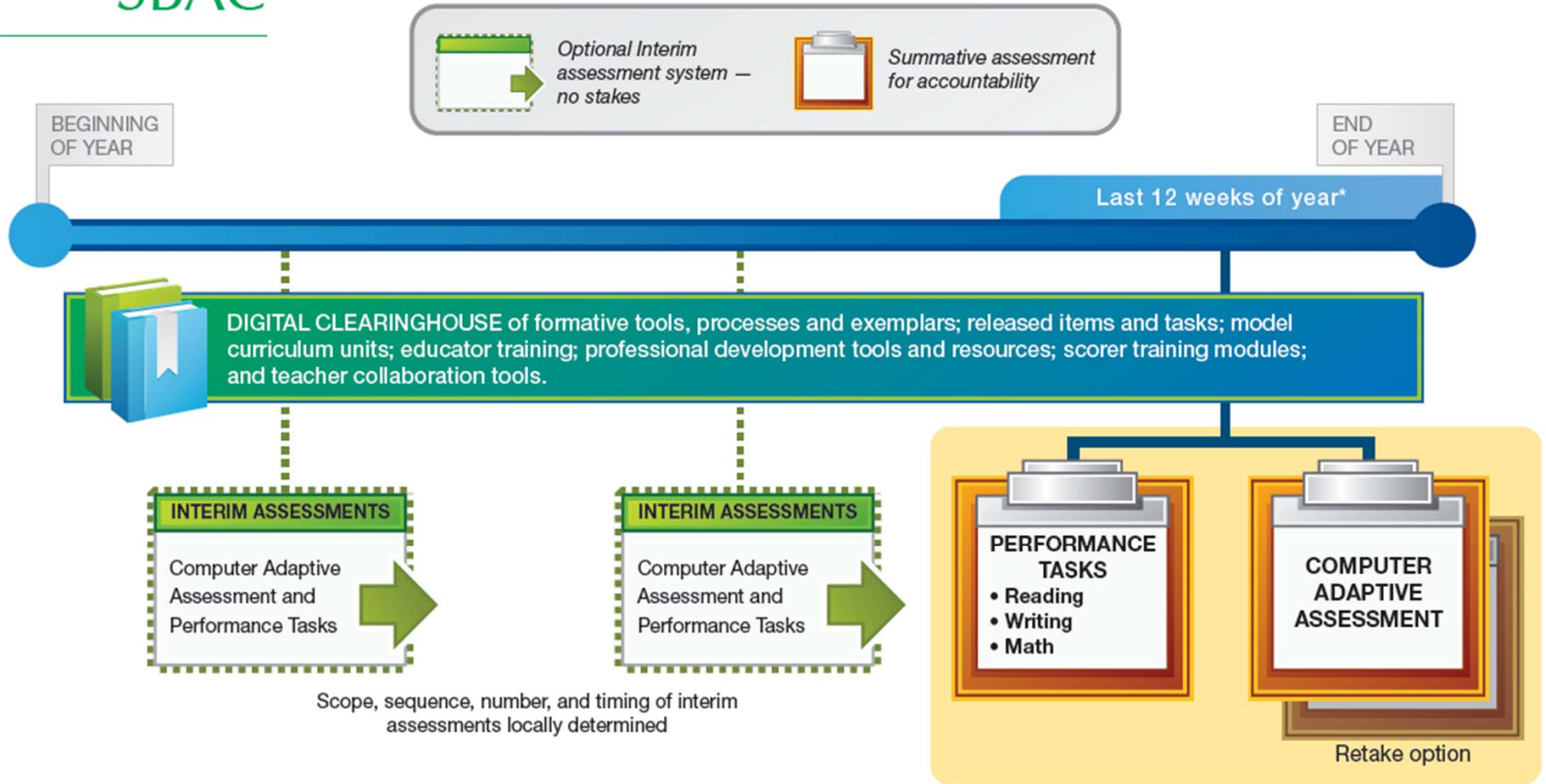
- ⌘ Two assessment consortia funded to create assessment systems by 2014-2015
 - Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC)
 - SMARTER Balanced



Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)



SBAC

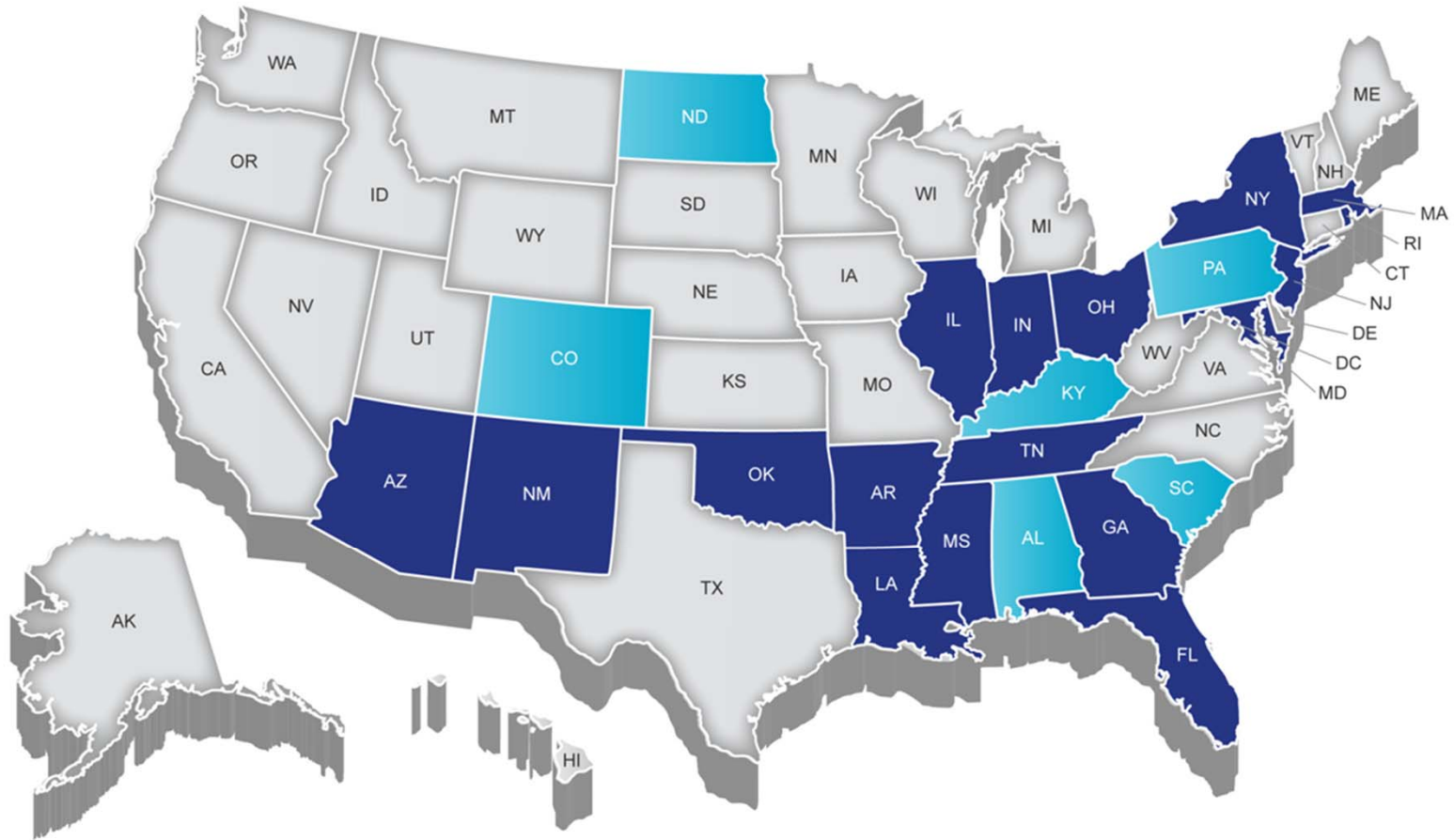


* Time windows may be adjusted based on results from the research agenda and final implementation decisions.

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PARCC Consortium



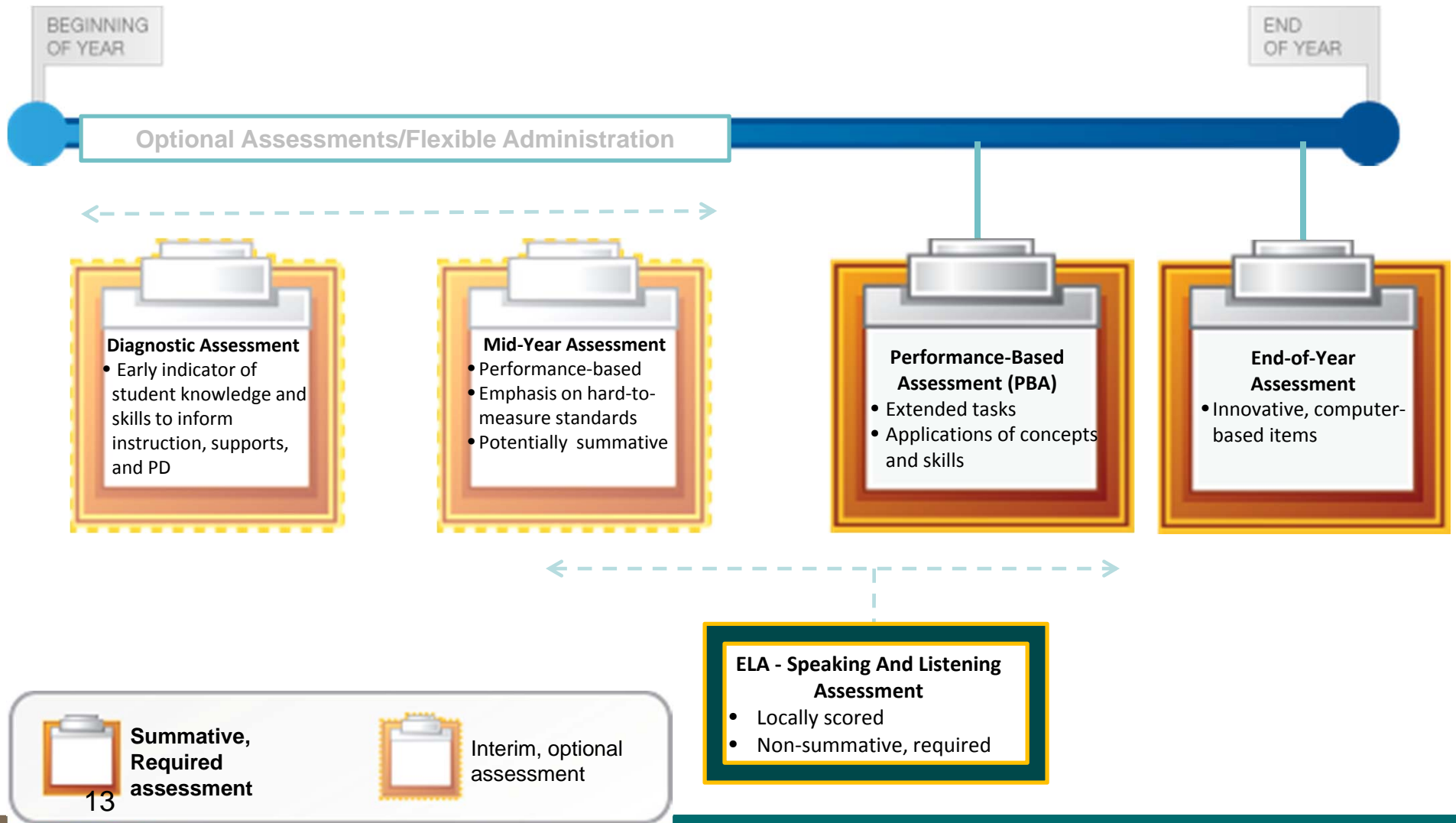
 **Governing Board States**

 **Participating States**



PARCC Assessment Design

English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics, Grades 3-11



CCSSO Position on Common Core Assessments

- ⌘ Fully supportive and committed to success of **both** consortia.
- ⌘ Success equals:
 - Fidelity to Standards, including assessment of reading increasingly complex texts, writing to sources, speaking and listening, and emphasis on the areas of focus in the mathematics standards
 - Comparability of results across consortia
 - Completion in time for use in schools in 2014-2015 school year, and plan in place for affordability/sustainability by states



Questions and Discussion

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