

California adopts education standards to get federal money

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At a special meeting Monday, the state board of education unanimously adopted common national academic standards. These standards are to provide the basis for future instruction in the state.

The common-standards initiative has been pushed by the Obama administration, but executed through a voluntary national effort in which nearly all states are participating.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger applauded the vote, praising the state board for maintaining "California's high expectations and our belief that every student is capable of success in the classroom."

The standards are to ultimately supplant California's current academic framework, which is widely viewed as among the best in the nation, although the same cannot be said of the results in the classroom.

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