

## Foreword

The 1998 edition of *Connecticut's Common Core of Learning* is an updated version of the Common Core adopted by the State Board of Education in January 1987. This document represents Connecticut's statement of the standard of an educated citizen and the skills, knowledge and character that are expected of Connecticut's public secondary school graduates. As such, this document represents an educational IOU from the state's schools to its citizens and articulates what an effective young citizen needs to know and be able to do.

The first goal of the State Board of Education's *Nurturing the Genius of Connecticut's Students: Connecticut's Comprehensive Plan for Education 1996-2000* is "to set and meet high expectations for academic achievement for all students, in order to prepare them for productive adult life, continuing education and responsible citizenship." This Common Core of Learning, in conjunction with *The Connecticut Framework: K-12 Curricular Goals and Standards* and the various Guides to K-12 Program Development, represents an important first step in achieving the Comprehensive Plan's goals.

We expect that educators, parents and other citizens will use *Connecticut's Common Core of Learning* as a primary reference for redesigning instructional programs and to bring about continued improvement in student achievement.



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