



## Quotes on the Common Core Rules and Copyright Issues

- 1) Here is a quote from a [document written by the Mid-Continental Regional Education Laboratory](#) in 2012 (McREL is part of the Institute of Education Sciences within the US Department of Education) showing that states may only add fifteen percent of their own content that probably won't be on the federally funded, federally supervised national tests. The language about the fifteen percent has recently been removed from the CCSS website:

### “THE 15 PERCENT RULE

The CCSS defines adoption of the Common Core standards to mean that an authorizing body, such as a state board of education, has accepted 100 percent of the standards verbatim. States are ‘allowed to add an additional 15 percent on top of the core’ (CCSS, March 2010). The Initiative is silent on the process for identifying such content, the format it should take, or how or whether such content might be assessed.” (p. 5 of PDF)

- 2) Here is another [article quoting educational officials saying that the States must adopt the Common Core standards 100% verbatim:](#)

States that adopt the proposed common academic standards must use the document word for word, initiative leaders said last week.

Answering questions from state school board members at a meeting here, representatives of the two groups leading the effort said that states may not revise the standards or select only portions to adopt.

“You can’t pick and choose what you want. This is not cafeteria-style standards,” said David Wakelyn, the program director of the education division of the National Governors Association’s Center for Best Practices.

“Adoption means adoption,” said Scott Montgomery, a deputy executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, which is organizing the common-standards endeavor with the NGA.

- 3) [Florida actively declined to add even the meaningless 15% of their own standards:](#)

“Based on the results of this study, in the fall of 2010 the Department recommended no additions be made to the original Common Core State Standards adopted in July 2010.”

This was also confirmed on page 7 of the PDF of the McREL report cited above in a table titled: “States that have adopted the Common Core State Standards with a statement regarding the decision to not add state-specific content.”

- 4) Here is the [Common Core site's own language](#) involving copyright issues:

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- 5) Here is language from Sandra Stotsky that she [had to sign as a member of the validation committee](#) indicating that NGA and CCSSO are the sole owners of the standards. This again indicates that if Florida continues to implement Common Core, there can be no substantive changes.

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