

JUNE 2016

The Standard

Protecting the public interest



Welcome to the June issue of The Standard. In this edition you'll discover the different ways in which the College sets the standards for Ontario's teaching profession and protects the public interest. Learn about online education resources, curriculum enhancements and College services, and take a peek at the latest instalment of the Great Teaching video series.



Bill 200: Improving Transparency and Efficiency

The College applauds the introduction of Bill 200 by Ontario's Education Minister Liz Sandals, which amends the Ontario College of Teachers Act. These reforms will further enhance the College's ability to protect students.



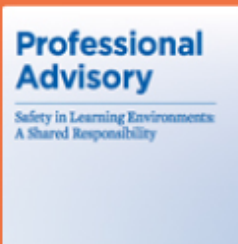
Public Presentations to College Council

Do you have a topic related to the College's work or activities that you would like to present to our Council? Council invites public presentations at its quarterly meetings and at its Annual Meeting of Members.



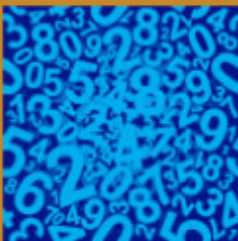
Attend a Council Meeting

Curious how the College's 37-member Council governs the teaching profession in Ontario? Members of the public are welcome to attend our quarterly Council meetings.



College Revises Safety Advice

The College issues professional advisories to help fulfil its mandate to provide advice and guidance to members with respect to their professional practice. Recently, the College updated its professional advisory, *Safety in Learning Environments: A Shared Responsibility*. These enhancements include guidance on first aid and safety in coaching and volunteer situations.



Supporting Students in Math

Starting in September, Ontario students in Grades 1-8 will receive a minimum of one hour each day of math instruction. The Ministry of Education's renewed math strategy is designed to help more elementary students achieve excellence in numeracy. The College accredits additional qualification courses in math to help its members expand their knowledge in this subject.



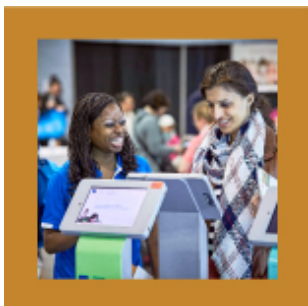
Celebrating Great Teaching

The College sets the standards of practice and the ethical standards for Ontario's teaching profession. See how history teacher Kathryn Whitfield, OCT, makes the link between past and present for her Grade 10 students.



Bookmark this

- There's an app for that: From nurturing budding artists to mastering basic fractions, Apps Analysis offers a range of online educational tools. Looking for apps in English and French? Read reviews of bilingual apps created for parents and teachers.
 - Make Math Fun: Check out these helpful resources for students and parents courtesy of Ontario's Ministry of Education.
 - Surfing Safety: Launched by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, House Rules is an interactive tool for families to manage online risks to children.
 - Find a Teacher: The College's online public registry lets you see that a teacher is in good standing with the College and, therefore, able to teach in publicly funded schools. Visit oct.ca.
-



The College in Your Community

The College attends events to raise awareness of its role in protecting the public interest and to promote the high standards to which our members aspire.

Have a question? Come talk with us at an event near you!

- Pride Toronto, July 2 – 3
 - Burlington Children's Festival, August 21
-



College Speakers Bureau

The [College Speakers Bureau](#) can connect you with College experts who can speak about a variety of professional standards and regulatory governance topics. This service is available across Ontario at no cost.