Resources for North Dakota Interim Education Committee

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NCSL Resources

- National Overview: State Actions Related to the Common Core State Standards (PowerPoint)
  http://1drv.ms/1Imufua
- Common Core FAQ
  http://www.ncsl.org/research/education/common-core-state-standards-faq.aspx
- State Assessment Plan Analysis (2014-15 School Year)
  http://1drv.ms/1NIs0DA
- Accelerated Learning Options: Dual Enrollment, AP, and IB
  http://www.ncsl.org/research/education/accelerated-learning-options.aspx

Other Resources

- Testing Trends: Considerations for Choosing and Using Assessments (Education Commission of the States)
  Policy brief addressed issues around 1) shifting consortia membership, 2) blending assessment items and 3) the use of a college entrance exam to replace state tests.
  http://1drv.ms/1LLW9eb
- Summative Assessment Results for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 School Years (EdWeek)
  Includes, where available, state-by-state PARCC, Smarter Balanced or other state-developed summative assessments results for the 2014-15 school year.
  - EdWeek webpage: http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-common-core-2015-test-results.html
  - NCSL summation of EdWeek info: http://1drv.ms/1NIpo8D
- Knowing the Score (Center on Education Policy)
  A policy brief intended "to help parents, educators, policymakers, and others reach their own decisions about testing policies in their community and state. Here you will find background information about tests and answers to common questions about K-12 testing."
  http://1drv.ms/1NIrCoy