

Connections: The implementation of the *Common Core State Standards* and *North Carolina Essential Standards* must recognize the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs), Exceptional Children (EC), and Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) learners. Local coordinators and teachers can collaborate to address students' needs.

- AIG

- EC

- ESL

- Information

and Technology

The *North Carolina Information and Technology Essential Standards* (ITES) are embedded within all areas of the other curriculum:

- Classroom teachers are responsible for teaching the new ITES standards beginning in 2011-12.
- Media Coordinators and Technology Facilitators, as ITES content experts, will collaborate with teachers to plan, create, teach, and assess effective lessons.
- The ITES must be taught in all NC schools – whether technology access and use is advanced or is limited.
- Technology and information tools and resources must be presented and applied with relevance and authenticity.

A model workshop plan has been developed to familiarize and prepare teachers with implementation of the *NC Information and Technology Essential Standards*. The model workshop plan is available online at the NCDPI [ACRE site](#) and at:

http://it.ncwiseowl.org/curriculum_instruction/eStandards.
