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Deer Park PTA Meeting: Language Arts Updates

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FCPS LITERACY

Learning and Growing Together!

The Virginia Literacy Act in FCPS

CURRICULUM

All classrooms K-6 will use the state-approved curriculum, Benchmark Advance.

ASSESSMENT

READING PLANS

Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction

The Simple View of Reading



Word
Reading

























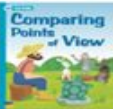

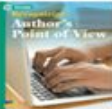
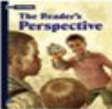

































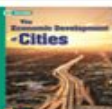

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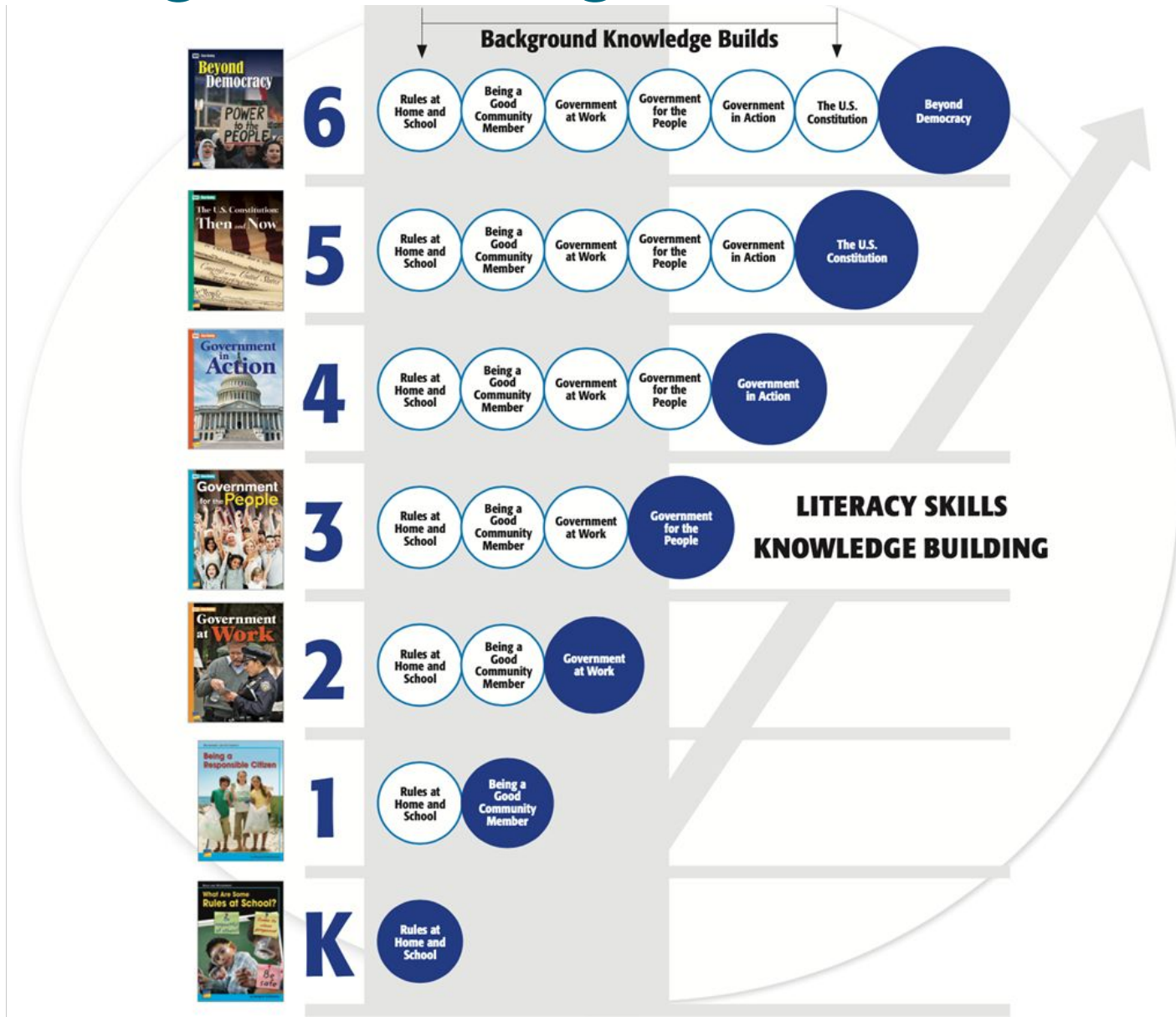
Our New Curriculum for K-6



Common Topics, K-6

Unit	Knowledge Strand	GRADES						
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Life Science							
2	Character Matters							
3	Government and Citizenship							
4	Perspectives in Literature							
5	Technology and Society							
6	Themes Across Cultures							
7	History, Culture, and Geography							
8	Earth Science							
9	Economics							

Growing Knowledge over Time



Essential Questions Get More Complex

Unit 1: Life Science

Plants and Animals Have Needs

Why do living things have different needs?

Kindergarten

Animal Adaptations

How do living things survive in their environment?

3rd Grade

Relationships in Nature

What roles can we play in the balance of nature?

6th Grade

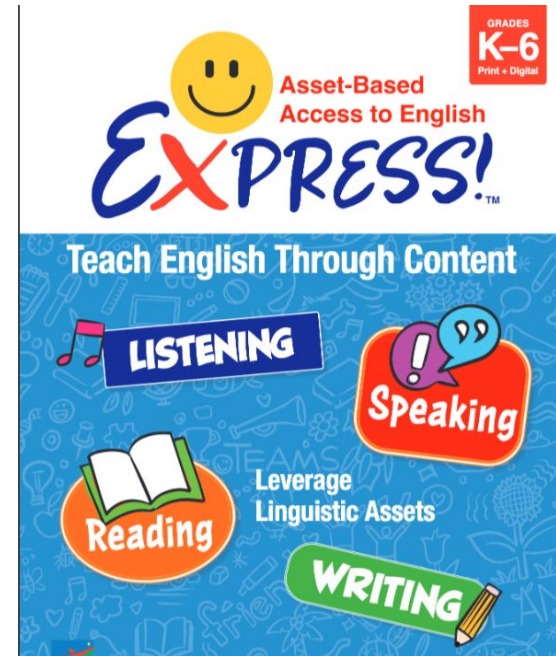
Core Instruction & SWD

Benchmark Advance has numerous scaffolds and supports to assist all teachers in providing core instruction responsive to the needs of students with disabilities.



Core Instruction & Multilingual Learners

Benchmark Express is the English Language Development curriculum that complements Benchmark Advance in providing tier 1 instruction for multilingual learners.



Benchmark Advance includes scaffolds and supports for multilingual learners.

Core Instruction & AAP

All students receiving Advanced Academic services will participate in Benchmark Advance, which includes extensions for advanced learners. In addition to inquiry-based research embedded in Benchmark, each quarter will focus on at least one supplemental AAP ELA curricular resource to be used throughout that quarter.

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic services for students K-12 that builds upon students' individual strengths and skills and maximizes academic potential for all learners.

Benchmark Caregiver Website



Explore the [Benchmark Caregiver Website](#) for more resources.

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K-2: Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS)

3-8: iReady (*some Grade 3 students may also participate in VALLSS*)



What do VALLSS scores tell you?

- ① If your child is at risk for developing a reading difficulty

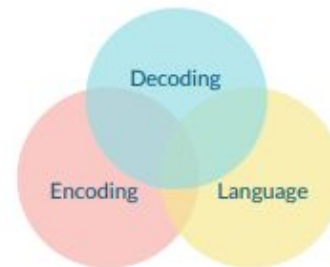
After all of the subtests are completed, the student will receive an indication of an overall band of risk.

These bands are:



- ② In what components of literacy your child needs further instruction

Teachers use this information to **plan instruction and intervention**, to ensure students get the support they need to catch up.



Learn more at <https://literacy.virginia.edu/families>

What do iReady scores tell you?

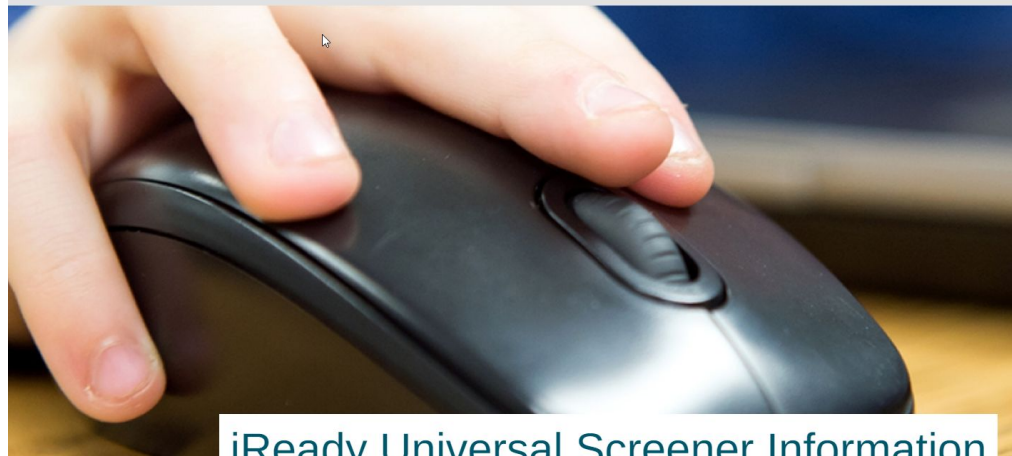
Test Information	Domain Performance	
Subject: Reading	Phonological Awareness	
End of Testing Window:	Phonics	
National Percentile:	High Frequency Words	
Benchmark Status:	Vocabulary	
Overall Performance:	Comprehension Literature	
Scaled Score	Comprehension Informational Text	



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K-8: Students will get extra help if they show risk on these assessments.

Reading Plans

- Area of Need
- Yearly Goal
- Quarterly objectives
- Quarterly data to monitor progress towards goals

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FCPS Literacy Resources for Families



Unlock Your Child's Reading Potential: FCPS Resources

Your Guide to Supporting Reading Success at Home

Virginia Family Resources



Welcome families! Whether you want to learn about a certain topic or find activities to do at home with your child, we hope you can find what you need here!

HOW CAN MY CHILD LISTEN TO BOOKS AT HOME?

HOW CAN MY CHILD PLAY COMPUTER GAMES TO HELP IMPROVE LITERACY SKILLS?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD PLAY WITH SOUNDS?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN THEIR LETTER NAMES AND SOUNDS?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD READ AND SPELL WORDS?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN NEW VOCABULARY?