English Standards of Learning for Virginia
Alignment Overview

Lexia® Core5® Reading aligns to the levels of complexity and rigor of the English Standards of Learning for Virginia. Through systematic design, Core5 ensures both foundational reading proficiency and advanced skill development across the six strands of instruction, all of which support Virginia's standards for reading.

Core5 Program Components

Independent Student-Driven Learning

Built on the Science of Reading, Core5 is an adaptive online blended learning program that accelerates the development of literacy skills for students of all abilities in grades PreK-5. Students receive personalized instruction in the 6 primary areas of reading: Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Automaticity, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.
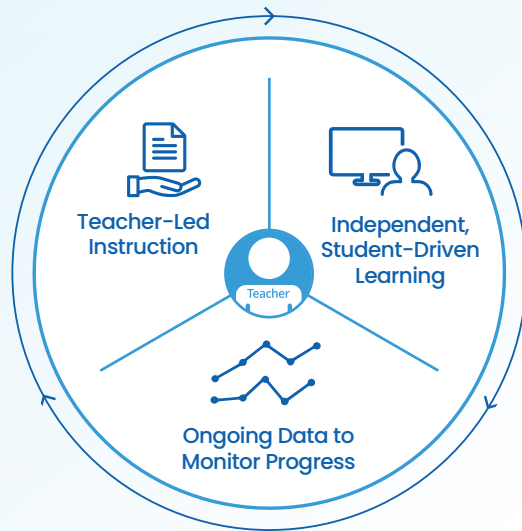
Ongoing Progress Monitoring

Core5 provides assessments and detailed progress monitoring tools tied directly to action plans and relevant instructional resources. The proprietary **Assessment Without Testing**® technology gathers norm-referenced and criterion-referenced performance data without stopping the flow of instruction to administer a test.

Teacher-led Instruction

Core5's multi-sensory instructional offline materials empower educators to target instruction, reinforce and extend learning while providing additional opportunities for oral expression, writing, and collaboration. Offline resources include:

- **Lexia Lessons** are automatically recommended for students based on their performance in the online activities. These scripted lesson plans help teachers deliver explicit instruction in targeted skill areas for small-group or one-on-one instruction.

- **Lexia Skill Builders** can be incorporated into classroom routines or used for home practice to build independence, increase automaticity, and expand expressive skills.

Educators have access to additional resources to supplement student learning. See the Instructional Materials Sampler to learn more about resources, such as **Lexia Connections**, **Decodable Readers**, **Lexia Close Reads**, the **Writing Prompt Pack** and the **Fluency Passage Pack**.

Teacher-Led Instruction

Independent, Student-Driven Learning

Teacher

Ongoing Data to Monitor Progress

Supporting Needs of Diverse Learners

Core5 helps all students—whether they are Emergent Bilinguals, students working towards proficiency, on level, or above level—boost their reading achievement through just right, personalized instruction.

Acceleration and Enrichment

Core5 supports students who are working towards proficiency, students who are on-level and above-level. Students can work independently online or collaboratively offline to expand their expressive skills.

Supporting Culturally Responsive Learning Environments

Core5 seeks to convey equitable and multidimensional representations of people across lines of diversity including race, culture, language background, gender, ability, socio-economic status, community, and national origin.

English Standards of Learning for Virginia & Core5 Reading

How does Core5 prepare students for college and the workplace?

Students using Core5 follow a rigorous scope and sequence built for college and career ready standards. Core5 prepares students for the English Standards of Learning in Virginia by helping them develop the necessary foundational skills to **read fluently, comprehend various types of fiction and nonfiction selections,** and understand the importance of **using evidence to support their claims**.

Preparing Students to be Literate

Core5 students develop the necessary skills to be considered "literate" as outlined by the English Standards if Learning for Virginia. Through Core5 students:

- Learn to **use technology and digital media strategically and capably** via the online program and when engaging in offline lessons.

- **Demonstrate independence** as they navigate the program through a personalized learning path.

- Build **strong content knowledge** through engaging in online and offline lessons that allow for them to **respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose and discipline,** as well as **comprehend, critique** and learn to **value evidence**.

- Learn to **understand other perspectives and cultures** as they engage with text that are culturally responsive and sustaining.

Core5 includes Virginia curriculum requirements:

✓ Rigorous content

✓ Quality text selections and genres

✓ Strong foundation in phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension strategies

✓ Repeated exposure and application to complex text

✓ Rich academic vocabulary

"Proficient use of the English language enables students to explore and articulate the complex issues and ideas encountered in public and personal life."

(Virginia Department of Education)

A Closer Look at Core5 & English Standards of Learning for Virginia

Virginia ELA Strands	How Core5 Builds Student's Capacity
Reading Standards	• Students work through a systematic scope and sequence in the online activities to develop foundational literacy skills. • Students develop foundational literacy skills through rigorous instruction in print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, word analysis skills, fluency, and accuracy. • Students build comprehension skills and understanding of key ideas and details when reading. • Students learn about narrative structure and key terms such as character, setting, events, and central message. • Students learn to read and comprehend diverse texts with engaging readings and higher-order thinking questions that focus on evidence, inferences, connecting ideas, and analyzing author perspectives. • Students engage with informational texts and utilize various strategies, such as connecting visual and written information in informational texts. • Students practice linking written information with illustrations, diagrams, and maps. • Students develop understanding of craft and structure by comparing and contrasting texts on the same topic, helping them to effectively analyze information.
Research Standards	• Students engage in offline lessons designed to help students understand that different texts on similar topics may complement each other and that answers to questions can be put together from more than one source. • Students improve research skills by identifying and integrating information from text and diagrams. • Students engage in activities, such as accessing digital information sources, using key terms to focus a search, and evaluating sources for credibility when researching a topic.
Communication Standards	• Students develop oral language and listening skills through teacher-led lessons and small group activities. • Students develop expressive language through asking questions and collaborating with peers during teacher-led offline lessons.
Writing Standards	• Students engage in writing that offers age-appropriate themes and topics which align to the comprehension strand of the Core5 Reading Program. • Students engage in teacher-led writing opportunities which provide a foundation for college and career readiness as they learn to adapt the form and content of their writing to accomplish a particular task and purpose.

Core5 Progression of Learning

The chart below shows an example of the progression of learning throughout Core5 by demonstrating how the same English Standards of Learning for Virginia are addressed at Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 5.

Standard	Sample Offline Resource	Student Program	Lexia Lessons	Lexia Skill Builders	Lexia Connections
VA.R.K.6 The student will develop an understanding of basic phonetic principles					
VA.R.K.6a Identify and name the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	Lexia Lesson: Beginning Consonant Sounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.K.6b Match consonant, short vowel, and intital consonat digraph sounds to appropriate letters.	Lexia Skill Builder: Short Vowel Sounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.K.6c Demonstrate a speech-to-print match through accurate finger-point reading in familiar text that includes words with more than one sylable.	Lexia Lesson: Sight Words, Lesson 1	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.K.6d Identify beginning consonant sounds in single-syllable words.	Lexia Connections: Sound Manipulation	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.3.3 The students will apply word-analysis skills when reading					
VA.R.3.3a Use knowledge of regular and irregular vowel patterns.	Lexia Lesson: Prefixes, Lesson 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.3.3b Decode regular multisyllable words.	Lexia Lesson: Suffixes, Lesson 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.5.4 The student will expand vocabulary when reading					
VA.R.5.4a Use context to clarify meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases.	Lexia Lesson: Word Meaning in Context, Lesson 5	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.5.4b Use context and sentence structure to determine meanings and differentiate among multiple meanings of words.	Lexia Connection: Multiple Meaning Words 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
VA.R.5.4c Use knowledge of roots, affixes, synonyms, antonyms, and homophones.	Skill Buider: Root Meanings	✓	✓	✓	✓

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