

# Reading Standards: Foundational Skills

# Grades 3 – 5

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<p><b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b></p> <p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.</li> <li>Decode words with common Latin suffixes.</li> <li>Decode multi-syllable words.</li> <li>Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b></p> <p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b></p> <p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These standards are directed toward fostering students' understanding and working knowledge of concepts of print, the alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions of the English writing system. These foundational skills are not an end in and of themselves; rather, they are necessary and important components of an effective, comprehensive reading program designed to develop proficient readers with the capacity to comprehend texts across a range of types and disciplines. Instruction should be differentiated: good readers will need much less practice with these concepts than struggling readers will. The point is to teach students what they need to learn and not what they already know—to discern when particular children or activities warrant more or less attention.</li> <li>The complexity options for these standards assure that all students, including those with the significant cognitive disabilities, have access to these core standards through appropriate instructional tasks.</li> </ul>		