



# Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts **Alignment Overview**

Lexia® Core5® Reading aligns to the levels of complexity and rigor of the Maryland CCRS for ELA. Through systematic design, Core5 ensures both foundational reading proficiency and advanced skill development across the six strands of instruction, all of which support Maryland'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

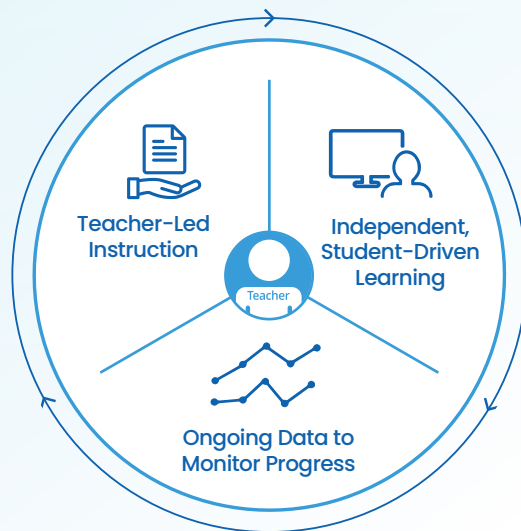
Core5 provides assessments and detailed progress monitoring tools tied directly to action plans and relevant instructional resources. The proprietary **Assessment Without Testing®** technology gathers norm-referenced and criterion-referenced performance data without stopping the flow of instruction to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



## 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.



# Maryland CCRS for ELA & 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 **Key Instructional Shifts** of the Maryland CCRS for ELA as they develop the necessary foundational skills to access, **complex text**, gain deep knowledge, increase **critical thinking skills** and learn the significance 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 Maryland CCRS Standards for ELA. 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 Maryland curriculum requirements:

- ✓ Rigorous content
- ✓ Complex works of literature
- ✓ Demonstrated efficacy
- ✓ Cogent reasoning
- ✓ Flexibility and easy to implement
- ✓ Rich academic vocabulary
- ✓ A foundation built from research

*“The skills and knowledge captured in the standards are designed to prepare students for life outside of the classroom.”*

*(Maryland Department of Education)*





# A Closer Look at Core5 & Maryland CCRS for ELA

MD ELA Strands	How Core5 Builds Student's Capacity
<b>Reading Standards for Foundational Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students work through a systematic scope and sequence in the online activities to develop foundational literacy skills.</li><li>• Students develop foundational literacy skills through rigorous instruction in print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, word analysis skills, fluency, and accuracy.</li></ul>
<b>Reading Standards for Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students build comprehension skills and understanding of key ideas and details when reading.</li><li>• Students learn about narrative structure and key terms such as character, setting, events, and central message.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
<b>Reading Standards for Informational Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students engage with informational texts and utilize various strategies, such as connecting visual and written information in informational texts.</li><li>• Students practice linking written information with illustrations, diagrams, and maps.</li><li>• Students develop understanding of craft and structure by comparing and contrasting texts on the same topic, helping them to effectively analyze information.</li></ul>
<b>Language Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students engage in activities and offline lessons that focus on developing grammar and vocabulary.</li><li>• Students improve language skills through strategies, such as identifying rhyme schemes in poetry, improving fluency and comprehension.</li><li>• Students engage in activities, such as mapping sounds to letters to strengthen decoding and spelling skills and improving student understanding of conventions of standard English.</li></ul>
<b>Speaking &amp; Listening Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students develop oral language and listening skills through teacher-led lessons and small group activities.</li><li>• Students develop expressive language through asking questions and collaborating with peers during teacher-led offline lessons.</li></ul>
<b>Writing Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students engage in writing that offers age-appropriate themes and topics which align to the comprehension strand of the Core5 Reading Program.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>





# Core5 Progression of Learning

The chart below shows an example of the progression of learning throughout Core5 by demonstrating how the same Maryland CCRS for ELA are addressed at Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 5.

Standard	Sample Offline Resource	Student Program	Lexia Lessons	Lexia Skill Builders	Lexia Connections
<b>RF.K.3</b> Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.					
<b>RF.K.3.a</b> Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary or many of the most frequent sound for each consonant.	Lexia Lesson: <a href="#">Beginning Consonant Sounds</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.K.3.b</b> Associate the long and short sounds with common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels.	Lexia Skill Builder: Short Vowel Sounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.k.3.c</b> Read common high frequency words by sight. (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does)	Lexia Lesson: <a href="#">Sight Words, Lesson 1</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.K.3.d</b> Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ.	Lexia Connections: Sound Manipulation	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.3.3</b> Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.					
<b>RF.3.3.a</b> Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.	Lexia Lesson: <a href="#">Prefixes, Lesson 2</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.3.3.b</b> Decode words with common Latin suffixes.	Lexia Skill Builder: Latin Suffixes	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.3.3.c</b> Decode multisyllable words.	Lexia Lesson: <a href="#">Suffixes, Lesson 2</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.3.3.d</b> Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	Lexia Lesson: Sight Words 6	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RF.5.</b> Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.					
<b>RF.5.3.a</b> Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multi-syllabic words in context and out of context.	Lexia Connections: <a href="#">Greek Combining Forms</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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