

SOLUTION SPOTLIGHT

Educational Equity Begins With Literacy

How Core5 Creates Personalized
Pathways to Success



Introduction

Educational equity is at the top of many educator's priority lists these days. While every student deserves the same opportunity to become a successful, confident learner, not all students have access to the same learning opportunities.

With only 34% of students reading at or above NAEP proficient levels, and literacy being essential to all future learning, educators are looking for tools to teach reading in a way that helps students learn, regardless of their starting skill levels.

To make instruction more equitable, teachers need to be empowered with a literacy curriculum and tools that close opportunity gaps and allow all students to succeed. Lexia® Core5® Reading is an award-winning adaptive blended learning program that accelerates the development of literacy skills for students of all abilities in grades pre-K–5.

Core5's literacy instruction uses a research-proven curriculum that meets students where they are and makes it easier for teachers to provide differentiated instruction in the classroom. Its asset-based teaching approach helps diverse students develop a growth

mindset that encourages autonomy and ownership of their learning.

For schools committed to advancing educational equity for all their students, Core5 is the instructional literacy program they're looking for.

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“When I saw Core5 enable a third-grade student to progress from reading at a pre-primer level to a third-grade level in a matter of months, I knew Core5 was the program for us.”

**—Alex O'Dell, Principal,
Mary Walter Elementary School**

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Core5's Curriculum Enables Literacy For All

Core5 was developed with a mission to provide equitable learning opportunities for every student. The curriculum is based on the science of reading, the only research-proven method of teaching reading, and covers the five areas deemed Essential Elements of Reading by the National Reading Panel:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

The program meets the International Dyslexia Association's standards for Structured Literacy instruction that is systematic, explicit, cumulative and responsive. The scope and sequence of instruction supports both foundational and advanced literacy skills, so it is appropriate for students at all levels.

Educators can invest in Core5 with confidence, knowing Lexia products meet a higher standard of efficacy and that Lexia leads the industry in objective third-party research that validates our claims that our products improve academic outcomes.

Core5 has earned a "Strong" rating, the highest rating offered, by Evidence for ESSA. In a study about literacy outcomes during the disrupted 2020-2021 school year, Core5 not only helped prevent learning loss but also had a positive and statistically significant impact on the standardized reading scores of students with reading and/or language-based disabilities.



OVER 40%

of students using Core5 exceeded MAP Growth targets.

map GROWTH

What is MAP Growth Reading?

A nationally named assessment that measures foundational reading skills by grade level.

CORE5 USE HELPED ALL STUDENT GROUPS EXCEED GROWTH TARGETS

36% of Black students

36% of Hispanic students

45% of White students

31% of Emergent Bilingual students

34% of Special Education students

Few edtech programs have been evaluated at the strong level with students with disabilities. Core5 not only helps students with reading disabilities like dyslexia, but it supports the diverse needs of all student populations in ONE program. It also supports teachers by providing the structure, rigor, and individualization required to provide equitable learning opportunities, whether they are struggling, on target, or reading above grade level.

Core5's Differentiated Instruction Is Equitable Instruction

The adaptive blended learning model employed by Core5 differentiates instruction. The differentiated instruction is the modification of content, process, product, and learning environment, as determined by the teacher's understanding of student needs. In other words, students using Core5 each have a personalized learning path that adapts based on their individual progress.

In Core5, students work independently to develop their critical reading skills through individualized, motivating learning paths. All students, regardless of their skill level, can work at their own pace and the teacher is notified when they require support. Lawrence-Brown, 2004, confirms that differentiated instruction can enable students with a wide range of abilities—from gifted students to those with mild or even severe disabilities—to receive an appropriate education in inclusive classrooms.

A differentiated learning experience makes it easier to accelerate learning. Adaptive instruction scaffolds instruction or enables

students to move on to advanced content. The student journey in Core5 is based on student strengths and needs and dynamically adapts instruction for each student based on real-time performance data.

For teachers, Lexia's embedded Assessment Without Testing® ties student performance data directly to instruction strategies. The ongoing data that Core5 provides saves teachers up to a month of instructional time and empowers them to provide the exact instruction students need, regardless of student level. Built-in simplified instruction planning recommends action plans for each student and allows teachers to be more effective and efficient.

Core5's three-step "flipped" instructional model ensures students receive the right level of instructional intensity on the right skill at the right time. Core5 takes the guesswork out of differentiated instruction, allowing teachers to meet the individual needs of each student and enabling all students to learn to read in a way that suits them best.



"Lexia Core5 Reading helps us identify the exact skills students are working on or struggling with. It has been a game changer for us."

—Felecia Evans, Principal, Lander Elementary School



Core5's Asset-Based Approach Ensures All Students Thrive

Core5's asset-based approach is grounded in what students CAN do rather than what they cannot. The asset-based approach takes a social, holistic view and focuses on capacities, skills, and assets within the social system (Eloff & Ebersöhn, 2001). It views diversity in thought, culture, and traits as things to draw upon (NYU Steinhardt, 2022).

Students thrive when they feel what they bring to the table, and who they are, is represented and respected. Core5 draws on learners' backgrounds and cultures to shape a curriculum that's diverse in both image and perspective. Language Support provides additional support for Emergent Bilinguals, providing task directions in eight native languages: Spanish, French, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Haitian-Creole, and Portuguese.

Core5 also encourages students to develop a growth mindset as one of their strengths. A growth mindset is encouraged by supporting student agency and giving students a choice over their path and pace through the program,

along with awareness and ownership of performance and progress. The program also provides an environment of encouragement with an understanding that learning is ongoing and provides students a safe place to try, fail, and retry, as well as learn and succeed.

Seeing literacy instruction through the positive lens of asset-based learning is the path to more equitable instruction.

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Students who possess a growth mindset are more motivated to learn and take on more challenges compared to students with fixed mindsets.

(Kazakoff & Mitchell, 2017)

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Conclusion

The influx of federal funding brought about by the pandemic gives education leaders the opportunity to invest in ways to improve equity. Literacy instruction, which impacts a student's ability to communicate, express themselves, and engage with the world around them is a particular area of focus.

Core5 is designed to help provide equitable learning opportunities for all pre-K-5 students. By applying the science of reading to classroom instruction through Structured Literacy, students at risk of falling behind can benefit from the only research-proven method of accelerating reading proficiency.

The program's adaptive blended learning model makes it easier for teachers to offer differentiated learning, while Assessment Without Testing arms them with continuous, embedded assessment data to support ongoing screening and monitoring of student needs.

In an asset-based classroom, all students feel welcomed, supported, and valued. Core5 allows students to set their own learning goals and master their progress, engendering a growth mindset that will serve them throughout their education.

See for yourself what Core5 can do:

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