



Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards English Language Arts **Alignment Overview**

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® aligns to the levels of complexity and rigor of the Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards ELA. Through personalized, systematic instruction, PowerUp addresses the instructional needs of students by identifying the gaps and providing support in three primary areas of instruction: Word Study, Grammar and Comprehension.



PowerUp Program Components

Independent Student-Driven Learning

PowerUp provides differentiated literacy instruction for students in grades 6 through 12. Designed to be used alongside core curriculum, PowerUp’s adaptive blended learning model allows for educators to differentiate instruction and target skill gaps for students. With 180 unique placement profiles, students start the online program exactly where they need to be based on their abilities.

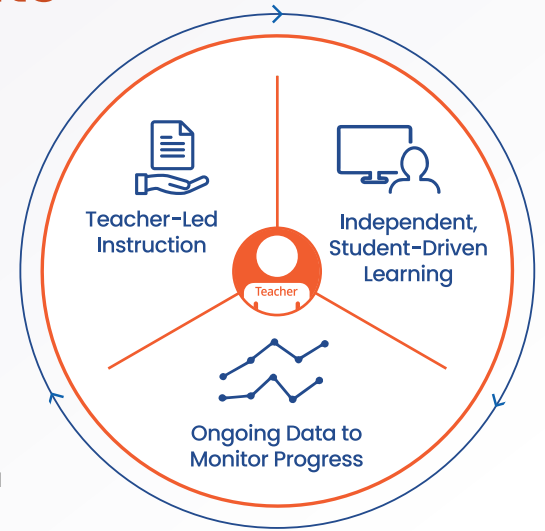
Ongoing Progress Monitoring

PowerUp provides educators with data to monitor progress and connects this data to action plans and resources. The proprietary **Assessment Without Testing®** technology gathers performance data without stopping the flow of instruction to administer a test.

Teacher-Led Instruction

Educators have access to offline resources aligned to Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards ELA to further support their students’ needs. Below are some of the offline resources that build student’s capacity and address the Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards ELA.

- **Lexia Lessons** are automatically recommended for students based on their performance in the online activities. These lessons 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.
- **The Writing Prompt Pack** and the **Fluency Passage Pack** provide additional opportunities to practice composition and fluency skills.



Supporting Needs of Diverse Learners

PowerUp helps all students—whether they are emergent bilinguals or students working towards proficiency—boost their reading achievement through closing gaps in foundational literacy skills.

Supporting Culturally Responsive Learning Environments

PowerUp 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.



Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards ELA & PowerUp Literacy

How does PowerUp prepare students for college and the workplace?

Built on the Science of Reading, PowerUp addresses literacy skills aligned to college and career readiness standards for grades 6–8 while teaching the specific K–5 standards that are critical to building a foundation for grade-level proficiency. PowerUp prepares students for the **Key Instructional Shifts** of the Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards ELA as they develop the necessary foundational skills to **read and comprehend grade-level complex text proficiently**, gain deep knowledge, increase **academic vocabulary** and learn the significance of **citing evidence to explain and justify reasoning**.

Preparing Students to be Literate

PowerUp students develop the necessary skills to be considered literate as outlined by Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards ELA. Through PowerUp 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.

PowerUp includes Florida curriculum requirements:

- ✓ Rigorous content
- ✓ Quality text selections and genres
- ✓ Demonstrated efficacy
- ✓ Repeated exposure and application to complex text
- ✓ Make inferences to support comprehension
- ✓ Rich academic vocabulary
- ✓ A foundation built from research

"Education is the way to bring forth our greatest capacities."

(Florida Department of Education)





A Closer Look at PowerUp & Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards ELA

FL ELA Strands	How PowerUp Literacy Builds Student's Capacity
Reading Standards for Foundational Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Reading Standards for Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 by with engaging readings and higher-order thinking questions that focus on evidence, inferences, connecting ideas, and analyzing author perspectives.
Reading Standards for Informational Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Language Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students engage in activities and offline lessons that focus on developing grammar and vocabulary.• Students improve language skills through strategies such as identifying rhyme schemes in poetry, improving fluency and comprehension.• Students engage in activities such as mapping sounds to letters to strengthen decoding and spelling skills, improving student understanding of conventions of standard English.
Speaking & Listening Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.





PowerUp Progression of Learning

Each instructional strand in PowerUp (Word Study, Grammar, Comprehension) is divided into three instructional zones of skill development: Foundational, Intermediate and Advanced. The chart below describes how PowerUp addresses one of the Expectations for reading across the instructional zones. The subsequent chart shows how that Expectation is addressed in grades 6-8.



Foundational Zone	Intermediate Zone	Advanced Zone
ELA.K12.EE.2 Read and comprehend grade-level complex text proficiently.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on skills taught in grades K-2. • Students read appropriately leveled texts with scaffolded support, learning the basic skills and concepts required to build a solid foundation for reading proficiency. • Students begin exploring the elements of informational text and demonstrate basic comprehension. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on skills taught in grades 3-5. • Students learn to build their understanding of informational text structure and summary as they develop comprehension skills and strategies through listening and reading. • Students demonstrate passage-level comprehension by answering multiple-choice questions focusing on text features, main idea, and supporting details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on skills taught in grades 6-8+. • Scaffolding decreases and text complexity increases as students move toward independence. • Students demonstrate understanding with higher level comprehension questions. • Students answer multiple-choice questions, sort details from the text and compare two or more texts.

Standards	Sample Offline Resources	Student Program	Lexia Lessons	Lexia Skill Builders
ELA.K12.EE.2 Read and comprehend grade-level complex text proficiently.				
ELA.6.R.2.2 Analyze the central idea(s), implied or explicit, and its development throughout a text.	Lexia Skill Builders: Comprehension, Level 15: Argument	✓	✓	✓
ELA.7.R.2.2 Compare two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	Lexia Lessons: Comprehension, Level 15: Informational Text & Summary 3	✓	✓	✓
ELA.8.R.2.2 Analyze two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	Lexia Lessons: Comprehension, Level 16: Analyze & Evaluate 2	✓	✓	✓

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