

Washington State K-12 Learning Standards for English Language Arts (2024)

Founded in 2007, Great Minds PBC has evolved from an education advocacy start-up to a respected curriculum developer providing the highest-quality materials and professional development to schools and districts nationwide. In pursuit of its goal of raising expectations for every student, Great Minds® enlists educators to write curricula based on proven learning strategies to reward students' natural curiosity, build knowledge, and cultivate lifelong critical-thinking skills. Writing teams collaborate to ensure a consistent structure and vision for learning within and across all grade levels. We are pleased to bring you our newest kindergarten through grade 5 foundational skills offering, *Arts & Letters™: Reading Foundations*.

Reading Foundations provides systematic, explicit instruction in the foundational reading skills students need to become proficient, confident readers. Grounded in the Science of Reading, lessons develop phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, word recognition, and fluency in the early grades, advancing to morphology, advanced spelling, and reading multisyllabic words in grades 3–5. The program builds the decoding and word-analysis skills students rely on to read increasingly complex texts. The curriculum provides guidance for supporting all learners at key moments in the lessons.

Each grade in *Reading Foundations* contains 160 lessons, comprising a full year of instruction. *Reading Foundations* was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside *Arts & Letters: Language Arts*, the knowledge-building English language arts core. Together, the two programs form a comprehensive literacy block in which students learn foundational skills and immediately apply them to rich, knowledge-building texts—building both strong reading skills and deep knowledge. Through this strategic integration, students can successfully achieve the proficiencies of Washington standards while benefiting from the coherent, research-based design of *Arts & Letters*. A detailed alignment analysis between Washington standards and *Reading Foundations* follows.

Reading

Foundational Skills

Washington Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Reading Foundations</i>
ELA.4.R.1 Students know and apply the basic features of print and how it is organized.	This standard is addressed in <i>Language Arts</i> .
ELA.4.R.1.a Recognize the distinguishing text/visual features of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction.	This standard is addressed in <i>Language Arts</i> .
ELA.4.R.3 Students decode words accurately by applying grade-level phonics and word analysis skills.	Grade 4, Lessons 1–16, 23–38, 41–56, 59–74, 81–96, 99–114, 121–136, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153
ELA.4.R.3.a Use knowledge of syllable types and common division patterns to read and spell complex and unfamiliar words found in grade-level text.	Grade 4, Lessons 1–16, 23–38, 41–56, 59–74, 81–96, 99–114, 121–136, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153
ELA.4.R.3.b Use knowledge of common Latin and Greek roots and affixes to decode and determine the meaning of complex words (e.g., “biology,” “autograph,” “telescope”).	Grade 4, Lessons 1–14, 16, 23–33, 35–38, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49–56, 59–74, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89–96, 99–114, 122, 123, 125–136, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153
ELA.4.R.3.c Identify and decode words with inconsistent but common spelling sound correspondences (e.g., “choir,” “island,” “biscuit”).	<i>Reading Foundations</i> addresses this standard in grade 2. Grade 2, Lessons 2–4, 6, 7, 9–13, 15–17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27–33, 35, 37, 38, 40–43, 45–50, 52, 53, 55–75, 77–97, 99–103, 105–123, 125–127, 129–147, 149–157
ELA.4.R.3.d Read grade-level texts with fluency, using self-monitoring to ensure accuracy and self-correct when errors are noticed.	Grade 4, Lessons 8, 11, 16, 26, 29, 33, 37, 43, 47, 51, 55, 61, 65, 69, 73, 83, 87, 91, 95, 101, 105, 110, 113, 123, 127, 131, 135, 141, 145, 149, 153

