



Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading	
Summary Table	
<i>Does Not Include Knowledge and Practice Examples</i>	
Standard 1: Foundations of Literacy Acquisition	
1.1	Understand the (5) language processing requirements of proficient reading and writing: phonological, orthographic, semantic, syntactic, discourse. <i>Level 1</i>
1.2	Understand that learning to read, for most people, requires explicit instruction. <i>Level 1</i>
1.3	Understand the reciprocal relationships among phonemic awareness, decoding, word recognition, spelling, and vocabulary knowledge. <i>Level 1</i>
1.4	Identify and explain aspects of cognition and behavior that affect reading and writing development. <i>Level 2</i>
1.5	Identify (and explain how) environmental, cultural, and social factors contribute to literacy development. <i>Level 2</i>
1.6	Explain major research findings regarding the contribution of linguistic and cognitive factors to the prediction of literacy outcomes. <i>Level 2</i>
1.7	Understand the most common intrinsic differences between good and poor readers (i.e., linguistic, cognitive, and neurobiological). <i>Level 1</i>
1.8	Know phases in the typical developmental progression of oral language, phoneme awareness, decoding skills, printed word recognition, spelling, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and written expression. <i>Level 1</i>
1.9	Understand the changing relationships among the major components of literacy development in accounting for reading achievement. <i>Level 1</i>
Standard 2: Knowledge of Diverse Reading Profiles, Including Dyslexia	



2.1	Recognize the tenets of the (2003) IDA definition of dyslexia, or any accepted revisions thereof. <i>Level 1</i>
2.2	Know fundamental provisions of federal and state laws that pertain to learning disabilities, including dyslexia and other reading and language disability subtypes. <i>Level 1</i>
2.3	Identify the distinguishing characteristics of dyslexia. <i>Level 2</i>
2.4	Understand how reading disabilities vary in presentation and degree. <i>Level 1</i>
2.5	Understand how and why symptoms of reading difficulty are likely to change over time in response to development and instruction. <i>Level 2</i>
Standard 3: Assessment	
3.1	Understand the differences among and purposes for screening, progress-monitoring, diagnostic, and outcome assessments. <i>Level 1</i>
3.2	Understand basic principles of test construction and formats (e.g., reliability, validity, criterion, normed). <i>Level 1</i>
3.3	Interpret basic statistics commonly utilized in formal and informal assessment. <i>Level 2</i>
3.4	Know and utilize in practice well-validated screening tests designed to identify students at risk for reading difficulties. <i>Level 2</i>
3.5	Understand/apply the principles of progress-monitoring and reporting with Curriculum-Based Measures (CBMs), including graphing techniques. <i>Level 3</i>
3.6	Know and utilize in practice informal diagnostic surveys of phonological and phoneme awareness, decoding skills, oral reading fluency, comprehension, spelling, and writing. <i>Level 3</i>



3.7	<p>Know how to read and interpret the most common diagnostic tests used by psychologists, speech-language professionals, and educational evaluators.</p> <p><i>Level 2</i></p>
3.8	<p>Integrate, summarize, and communicate (orally and in writing) the meaning of educational assessment data for sharing with students, parents, and other teachers.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
Standard 4: Structured Literacy Instruction	
Substandard A: Essential Principles and Practices of Structured Literacy Instruction	
4A.1	<p>Understand/apply in practice the general principles and practices of structured language and literacy teaching, including explicit, systematic, cumulative, teacher-directed instruction.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
4A.2	<p>Understand/apply in practice the rationale for multisensory and multimodal language-learning techniques.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
4A.3	<p>Understand rationale for/Adapt instruction to accommodate individual differences in cognitive, linguistic, sociocultural, and behavioral aspects of learning.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
Substandard B: Phonological and Phonemic Awareness	
4B.1	<p>Understand rationale for/identify, pronounce, classify, and compare all the consonant phonemes and all the vowel phonemes of English.</p> <p><i>Level 2</i></p>
4B.2	<p>Understand/apply in practice considerations for levels of phonological sensitivity.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
4B.3	<p>Understand/apply in practice considerations for phonemic-awareness difficulties.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
4B.4	<p>Know/apply in practice consideration for the progression of phonemic-awareness skill development, across age and grade.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>
4B.5	<p>Know/apply in practice considerations for the general and specific goals of phonemic-awareness instruction.</p> <p><i>Level 3</i></p>



4B.6	Know/apply in practice considerations for the principles of phonemic-awareness instruction: brief, multisensory, conceptual, articulatory, auditory-verbal. <i>Level 3</i>
4B.7	Know/apply in practice considerations for the utility of print and online resources for obtaining information about languages other than English. <i>Level 3</i>
Substandard C: Phonics and Word Recognition	
4C.1	Know/apply in practice considerations for the structure of English orthography and the patterns and rules that inform the teaching of single- and multisyllabic regular word reading. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.2	Know/apply in practice considerations for systematically, cumulatively, and explicitly teaching basic decoding and spelling skills. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.3	Know/apply in practice considerations for organizing word recognition and spelling lessons by following a structured phonics lesson plan. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.4	Know/apply in practice considerations for using multisensory routines to enhance student engagement and memory. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.5	Know/apply in practice considerations for adapting instruction for students with weaknesses in working memory, attention, executive function, or processing speed. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.6	Know/apply in practice considerations for teaching irregular words in small increments using special techniques. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.7	Know/apply in practice considerations for systematically teaching the decoding of multisyllabic words. <i>Level 3</i>
4C.8	Know/apply in practice considerations for the different types and purposes of texts, with emphasis on the role of decodable texts in teaching beginning readers.



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Substandard D: Automatic, Fluent Reading of Text	
4D.1	Know/apply in practice considerations for the role of fluent word-level skills in automatic word reading, oral reading fluency, reading comprehension, and motivation to read. Level 3
4D.2	Know/apply in practice considerations for varied techniques and methods for building reading fluency. Level 3
4D.3	Know/apply in practice considerations for text reading fluency as an achievement of normal reading development that can be advanced through informed instruction and progress-monitoring practices. Level 3
4D.4	Know/apply in practice considerations for appropriate uses of assistive technology for students with serious limitations in reading fluency. Level 3
Substandard E: Vocabulary	
4E.1	Know/apply in practice considerations for the role of vocabulary development and vocabulary knowledge in oral and written language comprehension. Level 3
4E.2	Know/apply in practice considerations for the sources of wide differences in students' vocabularies. Level 3
4E.3	Know/apply in practice considerations for the role and characteristics of indirect (contextual) methods of vocabulary instruction. Level 3
4E.4	Know/apply in practice considerations for the role and characteristics of direct, explicit methods of vocabulary instruction. Level 3
Substandard F: Listening and Reading Comprehension	
4F.1	Know/apply in practice considerations for factors that contribute to deep comprehension. Level 3
4F.2	Know/apply in practice considerations for instructional routines appropriate for each major genre: informational text, narrative text, and argumentation.



	Level 3
4F.3	Know/apply in practice considerations for the role of sentence comprehension in listening and reading comprehension. Level 3
4F.4	Know/apply in practice considerations for the use of explicit comprehension strategy instruction, as supported by research. Level 3
4F.5	Know/apply in practice considerations for the teacher’s role as an active mediator of text-comprehension processes. Level 3
Substandard G: Written Expression	
4G.1	Understand the major skill domains that contribute to written expression. Level 1
4G.2	Know/apply in practice considerations for research-based principles for teaching letter formation, both manuscript and cursive. Level 3
4G.3	Know/apply in practice considerations for research-based principles for teaching written spelling and punctuation. Level 3
4G.4	Know/apply in practice considerations for the developmental phases of the writing process. Level 3
4G.5	Know/apply in practice considerations for the appropriate uses of assistive technology in written expression. Level 3

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Coverage of the topics in readings and lectures should be seen across courses. The Level indicates how each topic is addressed.

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Level 1 = Topic is introduced

Level 2 = Topic is explored in depth

Level 3 = Topic is reviewed.