

Wy'East Reading Benchmarks

The following benchmarks offer a focus for instruction each year to help ensure that students gain adequate mastery of a range of skills and applications. *Students advancing through the grades are expected to meet each year's grade-specific standards and retain or further develop skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades.*

Decode
Reads multisyllabic words
Reads words with common prefixes and suffixes
Reads grade level sight words
Reads grade level text with purpose and understanding
Reads grade level text accurately with fluency and expression
Uses a variety of strategies to decode unfamiliar words
Self-Monitor for Meaning
Self-corrects for pronunciation
Self-corrects for comprehension
Self-corrects for fluency and expression
Paraphrases a text to check for understanding
Make Connections
Connects reading to other texts

Connects reading to personal experiences
Connects reading to the real world
Uses prior knowledge to construct understanding
Determine Meaning
Asks and answers questions to demonstrate an understanding, referring to the text
Builds vocabulary
Puts key facts and events together to understand the main idea
Explains events, procedures, ideas or concepts of non-fiction text
Describes characters, setting, or events using evidence from the story
Uses text features such as heading, glossary, diagrams to locate information
Gains relevant information from maps, illustrations, and diagrams
Integrates information from two texts on the same topic
Identifies main idea
Analyze Concepts
Brings together information from the text and outside sources to inform thinking and understanding
Sequences events to retell a story in a meaningful order
Develops ideas and opinions, supported by evidence from a text
Draws conclusions using details and examples
Interprets information presented visually or orally

Understands cause and effect
Identifies literary devices such as similes, analogies and rhyme patterns
Evaluate Text
Compares and contrasts
Makes predictions about plot and characters; checks those predictions after reading
Recommends books to peers
Separates fact from opinion