



Applying the Science of Reading in BCPS: Part 2

CERP Elementary Decision Tree for 2025-2026

Skilled readers master all six components of reading: oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Before addressing comprehension, we must eliminate deficiencies in the other five components of reading. For students reading below grade level in grades K-5, use the chart below to determine an area for focused reading instruction.



