

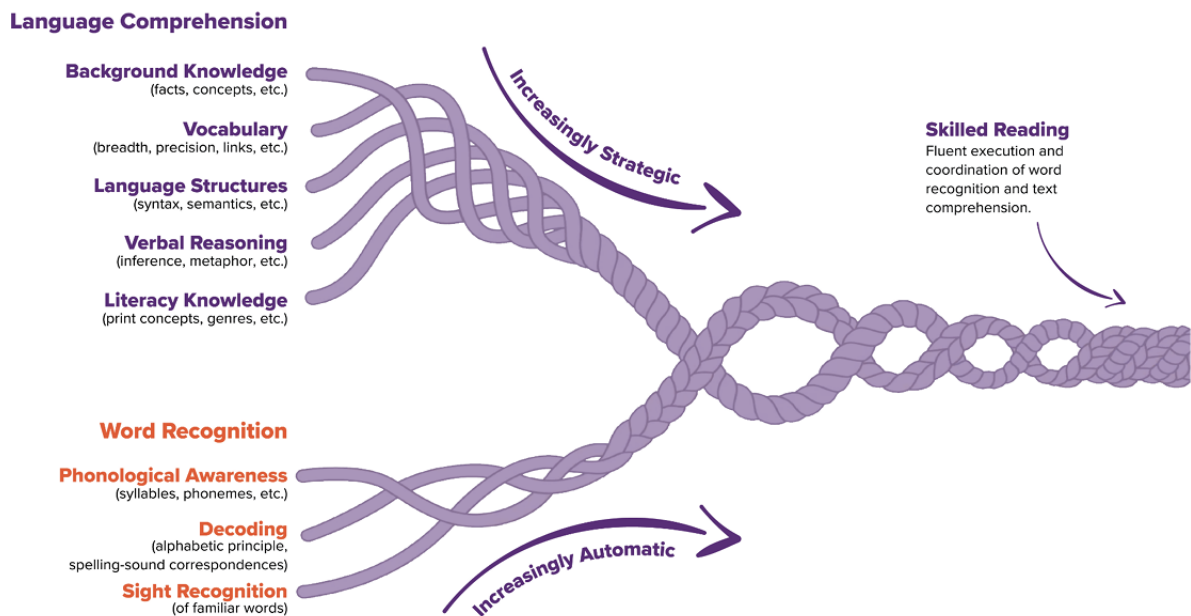
# Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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## CURRICULUM

Elementary Schools, K-5 will begin reviewing to adopt a new ELA core curriculum to replace Wonders (2017) for the 25-26 school year. This review was delayed due to Covid Remote Learning and the difficulty of implementing the Wonders program properly during those years. The district has now had 5-consistent years of implementation. We will begin by reviewing student achievement data in literacy (2017-present), reviewing the Montana Content Standards for ELA & Literacy, and previewing several K-5 literacy programs (SuperKids, Wonders 2023, Open Court 2023, Wit & Wisdom, & Benchmark). The K-5 elementary curriculum review team will be looking for a program that includes; phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. A selected program would include evidence-based practices that support the top and bottom side of Scarborough's Reading Rope (shown below).



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## INSTRUCTION

Schools identified in "Rigorous Action" have been attending monthly webinars sponsored by the Office of Public Instruction to support next steps for schools to exit this identification at the end of the 25-26 school year. Webinars have supported implementing evidence-based practices to provide high-quality instruction.

# ASSESSMENT

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## BPS Assessments

### aimswEBPLUS

The Winter Benchmark for the aimswebPLUS opens January 6 - February 7th for all students in grades K - 12 for both ELA and Math. Benchmarking assessments provide teachers with critical information about the projected expectation of students meeting grade-level standards at year end, identify next steps for instruction, as well as the ability to determine fall to winter growth for literacy and math skills.

### Writing Assessment K-12

The Winter Benchmark for the 9 - 12 Writing Assessment window is January 20 - February 7, 2025 along with the Winter Benchmark for the 4 - 8 Writing Assessment; while the K - 3 Writing Assessment window is February 3 - 7, 2025.

### WIDA; ACCESS 2.0

All buildings are currently testing students who are identified as English Language Learners with the ACCESS 2.0 in the schools. The window for the assessment is December 2 - February 21, 2025. Teachers who completed their certification to administer the ACCESS 2.0 are assisting Building Test Coordinators with this assessment.

### Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year

#### MAST

MAST is the general mathematics and reading/language arts assessment for academic state achievement reporting in Grades 3-8. The MAST assessment is aligned to the Montana Content Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

### Testing Windows for MAST:

Window 2	Window 3	Window 4
January 13 - February 21	March 24 - May 2	May 5 - May 23
6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks