

Science of Reading principles

Evidence on effective literacy instruction continues to develop and instructional approaches must incorporate new scientific findings.

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Science-based reading instruction is a matter of equity and supports *all* children.

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Learning to read and write is not natural and must be taught systematically, explicitly, and cumulatively.

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Proficient reading requires word recognition and language comprehension, while proficient writing requires transcription and composition skills.

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Reading and writing are mutually-reinforcing processes that should be taught through integrated instruction.

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Background knowledge and vocabulary are critical to both reading comprehension and writing composition.

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Literacy relies on language as its primary system: Instruction must develop both oral and written language.

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Reading comprehension is a series of cognitive processes that are employed during and after reading.

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Universal screening and progress monitoring are critical to gather the data needed to target instruction and measure effectiveness.

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Literacy instruction in any language must be based on that language's unique features.

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Honoring the home language, culture, and community experiences of *all* students supports positive, long-term outcomes.