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# Literacy Program Review

— Willington Public Schools —

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# Why a new literacy program?

**This is a state mandate.** Our district is required to implement a program for grades K-3 that has been approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

**What the state approved programs have that our current curriculum still needs:**

- Systematic and cumulative instruction of vocabulary, language skills, and reading comprehension
- An assessment and remediation system for all of the tiers and special education
- Systematic building of content knowledge

# The research and selection process

- 1) The companies that publish the state approved programs were contacted, followed by extensive conversations with program representatives.
- 2) Samples of all programs were reviewed utilizing the state evaluation tool, as well as a district needs checklist.
- 3) Feedback was solicited from teachers, coaches, and administrators of other districts that are currently implementing the state approved programs.
- 4) Feedback was solicited from WPS staff (CES and HMS).

# Programs we reviewed and what we found

<b>Bucket 1</b>	<b>Bucket 2</b>
HMH- Into Reading McGraw Hill- Wonders Benchmark Education- Benchmark Advance Savvas- My View	American Reading Company Great Minds- Wit and Wisdom Open-Up Resources- Bookworms Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (Amplify CKLA)

# Why we highly recommend Amplify CKLA

**Builds Knowledge-** CKLA stands for Core Knowledge Language Arts. Knowledge building is the key to improving our students' reading comprehension.

**Widespread Impact-** CKLA has the potential to positively impact grades preK-8, intervention, special education, and the content areas (i.e. Science and Social Studies).

**Comprehensive-** CKLA units include instruction in all areas of literacy- reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary, language skills, phonics, spelling, word study, and knowledge.

**Cumulative Instruction-** CKLA skills and knowledge build from lesson to lesson, unit to unit, and grade to grade.

**Accessible-** Many of the Core Knowledge materials are available online for anyone to access.

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# Amplify CKLA In Depth

See following slides

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# Core Knowledge CKLA vs Amplify CKLA

## Core Knowledge CKLA



Began as a non-profit organization that aimed to provide free, high quality curriculum so that all children could succeed

## Amplify CKLA

Amplify CKLA

A publishing company that updated and packaged (amplified) the Core Knowledge Language Arts materials for grades K-5

# Program Structure and Components



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# Amplify CKLA Program Materials- Grades 1 and 3

## Grade 1

### Knowledge Strand

#### Teacher Materials



Teacher Guides (11)



Image Card Sets (11)



Flip Books (11)

#### Student Materials



Activity Books (2)

### Skills Strand

#### Teacher Materials



Teacher Guides (7)



Big Books (3)



Large Letter Cards (1)



Sound Cards (1)

#### Student Materials



Activity Books (7)



Individual Code Chart (1)



Readers (7)



Vowel Code Flip Book (1)



Consonant Code Flip Book (1)

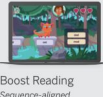
### Digital experience



### Additional purchase options



mCLASS Assessment and Intervention



Boost Reading  
Sequence-aligned personalized instruction



Tradebooks



Language Studio  
ELL Companion



Writing Studio

## Grade 3

### Teacher Materials



Teacher Guides (11)



Image Card Sets (8)



Spelling Cards (1)

### Student Materials



Activity Books (11)



Readers (11)



Quest for the Core:  
Far From Home: A Viking's Journey (1)



Cursive Activity Book (1)  
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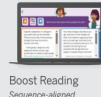
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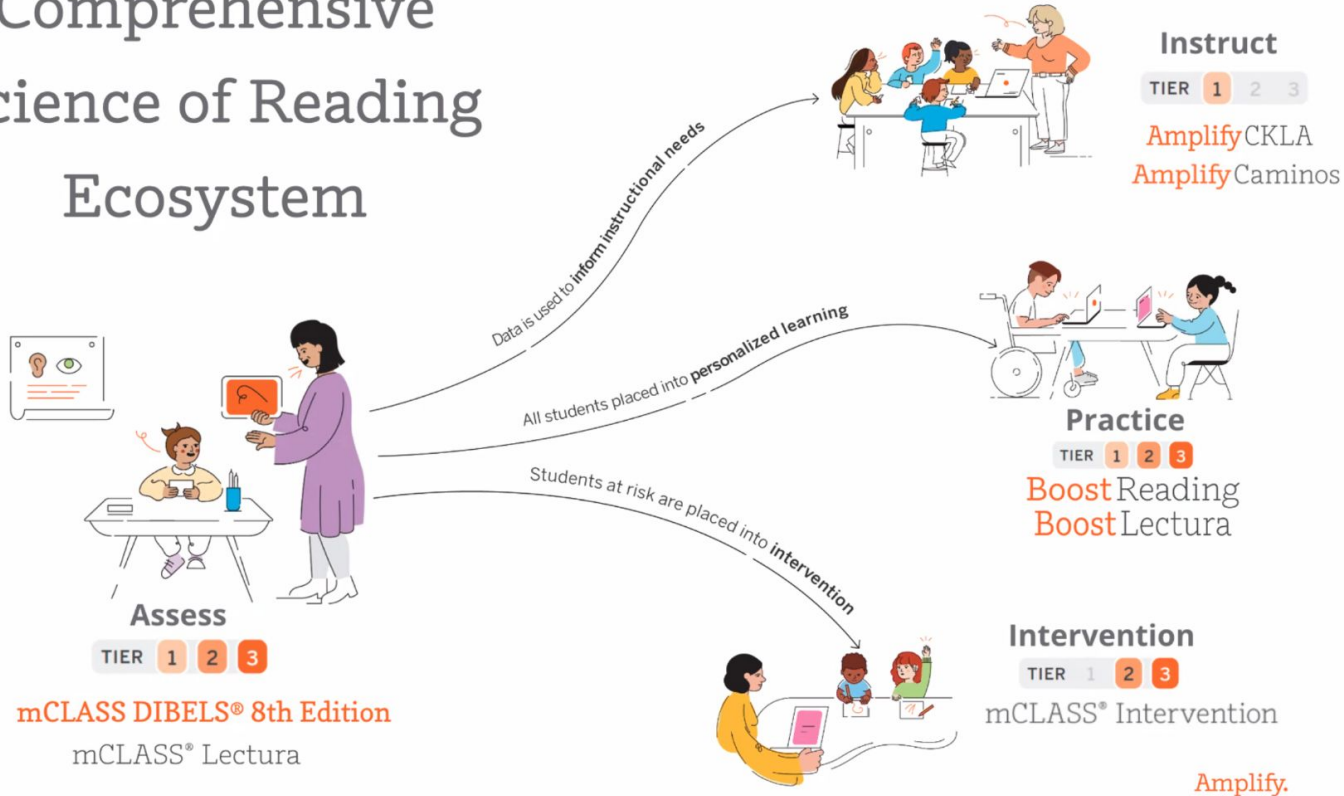
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ELL Companion



Writing Studio

# Amplify's Literacy Suite

## Comprehensive Science of Reading Ecosystem





# Amplify CKLA Scope and Sequence Documents

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# Amplify CKLA K-5 Unit Samples



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# Core Knowledge Unit Samples

Preschool- [Unit 1 \(All About Me\)](#), [Unit 5 \(Habitats\)](#)

Grade 6 CKLA- [Unit 4 \(The Iliad and the Odyssey\)](#), [Unit 6 \(90 Miles To Havana\)](#)

Grade 7 CKLA- [Unit 1 \(Hello, Universe\)](#), [Unit 2 \(The Tempest\)](#)

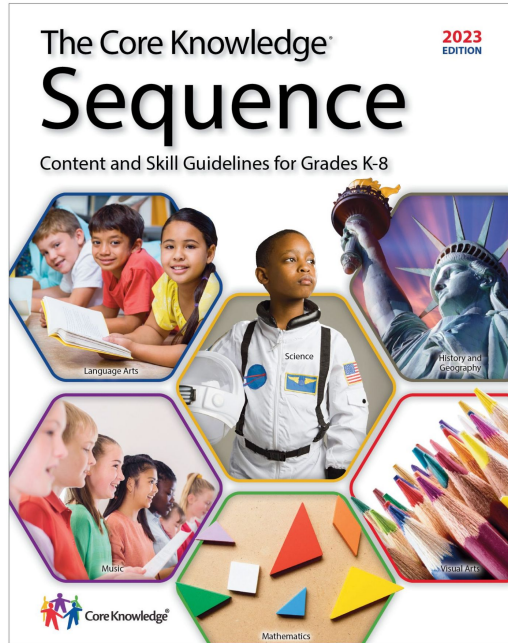
Grade 8 CKLA- [Unit 1 \(Us, In Progress\)](#), [Unit 2 \(Frankenstein\)](#)

[Grades K-8 Social Studies \(CKHG\)](#)

[Grades K-8 Science \(CKSci\)](#)

[Grades K-8 Visual Arts and Music](#)

# The Core Knowledge Sequence



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# How our past efforts have prepared us for what's next

**LETRS-** CKLA is in direct alignment with this training.

**The Writing Revolution-** TWR is already integrated into CKLA.

**UFLI Phonics Program, Essentials Word Study Program-** CKLA Skills, UFLI, and Essentials teach the same content in very similar ways.

**Reader's and Writer's Workshop-** Our teachers are trained to get to know readers and writers as individuals and encourage a love for literacy.

**Structured Reads from Current Curriculum-** With some revisions, these will still apply and can be used during CKLA Pausing Points.

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# Questions?

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