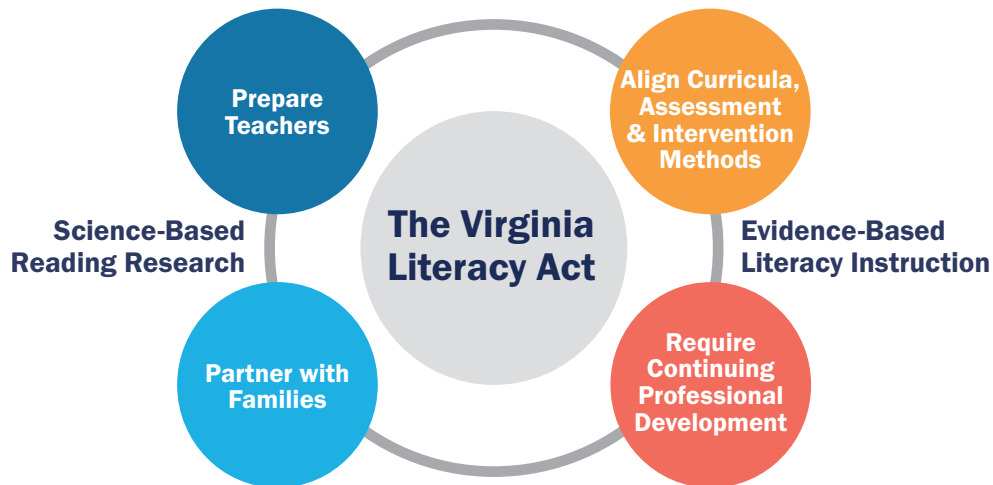


What is the Virginia Literacy Act?

The purpose of the act, signed in 2022, is to align all of the aspects that factor into reading for students. The law takes science-based reading research and evidence-based literacy instruction and works to align them with the reality of today's schools. The VLA makes sure teachers are properly trained, have the resources they need, and have continuous opportunities for professional development. The law also calls for increased school to family partnerships.

For more information on the Virginia Literacy Act, [watch this recorded webinar](#) specifically made for families!

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What is the Virginia Language & Literacy Screening System (VALLSS) 4-8?

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, any student who receives either a Fail/Basic or Fail/Below Basic on the SOL will take VALLSS: 4-8. VALLSS: 4-8 will be given twice a year, in the Fall and at Mid-Year.

VALLSS: 4-8 includes code-based subtests, which assess word reading and spelling, as well as language-based subtests which assess language comprehension. Some subtests can be administered in a small group and others must be administered 1:1.

Results from VALLSS: 4-8 will provide more information on specific literacy components that need targeted instruction.

What Can Families Expect?



Division and School Level

- Division-wide literacy plan
- Evidence-based literacy curriculum
- New literacy assessment (VALLSS: 4-8)



Classroom Level

- Intervention reading services that are outlined in a Student Reading Plan (as needed)
- Reports from VALLSS: 4-8



Home Level

- Free online resources to support literacy
- Participation in Student Reading Plan that will detail the intervention (if needed)