

NEW YORK STATE STANDARDS

Explode The Code®

Break Through the Code with Direct Phonics Instruction

Grades Pre-K-4





Grade K

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	STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
	Phonological and Phonemic Awareness		
•	Identify and produce spoken words that rhyme	TG 1, Lesson 2, p. 11	
•	Blend beginning sound (onset) with ending sound (rime) to form known words in rhyming word families (<i>k-it</i> , <i>s-it</i> , <i>b-it</i>)	TG 11, Lesson 8, p. 24	
•	Count or tap the number of syllables in spoken words	TG 4, Lesson 2, p. 39	
•	Isolate individual sounds within spoken words ("What is the first sound in can?")—Phoneme Isolation	TG 1, Lesson 2, p. 10	
•	Identify the same sounds in different spoken words ("What sound is the same in <i>sit</i> , <i>sip</i> , and <i>sun</i> ?")—Phoneme Identity	TG 2, Lesson 3, p. 38	
•	Categorize the word in a set of three or four words that has a different sound ("Which word doesn't belong: doll, dish, pill?")—Phoneme Categorization	TG 3, Lesson 9, p. 24	
•	Blend spoken phonemes to form words using manipulatives (e.g., counters) to represent each sound: /b/ /i/ /g/—Phoneme Blending	TG 1, Lesson 1, p. 9	
•	Segment spoken words into component sounds using manipulatives (e.g., counters) to represent each sound ("How many sounds are there in <i>big</i> ? Move three counters.")—Phoneme Segmentation	TG 1, Lesson 10, p. 27	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component		
Recognize the remaining word when a phoneme is removed ("What is cat without the /k/?")—Phoneme Deletion	TG 3, Lesson 4, p. 13		
Make a new word by adding a phoneme to an existing word ("What word do you have if you add /s/to mile?"—Phoneme Addition	TG 2, Lesson 2, p. 35		
• Substitute one phoneme for another to make a new word ("The word is rug. Change /g/ to /n/. What is the new word?")—Phoneme Substitution	TG 2, Lesson 10, p. 54		
Print Aw	vareness		
Understand the purpose of print is to communicate	N/A		
Follow left-to-right and top-to-bottom direction when reading English	TG A, p. 9		
Distinguish between letters and words	N/A		
Distinguish between print and pictures	N/A		
Track print by pointing to written words when texts are read aloud by self or others	N/A		
Identify the parts of a book and their functions (e.g., front cover, back cover, and title page)	N/A		
Alphabet Recogn	Alphabet Recognition and Phonics		
Recognize and name automatically all uppercase and lowercase manuscript letters	A, B, C		
Recognize that individual letters have associated sounds	A, B, C		
Recognize that the sequence of letters in written words represents the sequence of sounds in spoken words	N/A		
Identify some consonant letter-sound correspondences	A, B, C		
Flue	ency		
Read own name and names of family or friends	N/A		
Recognize and identify some sight words	TG 1, Lesson 1, p. 8; BK 1, Lesson 1, p. 8; BC 1, p. 3		
Read automatically a small set of high-frequency sight words (e.g., a, the, I, my, use, is, are)	TG 1, Lesson 1, p. 8; BK 1, Lesson 1, p. 8; BC 1, p. 3		
Read familiar kindergarten-level texts at the emergent level	All selections in Beyond the Code 1 can be used to meet this standard.		

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Background Knowledge and Vocabulary Development		
Learn the meaning of new words and use them in own speech	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Learn new words from books	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Use new vocabulary words to talk about life experiences	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Connect vocabulary and life experiences to ideas in books	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Use a picture dictionary to learn the meanings of words in books	N/A	
Comprehens	sion Strategies	
Notice when sentences do not make sense	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Make predictions about story events	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Answer questions about text read aloud	All selections in Beyond the Code 1 can be used to meet this standard.	
Retell or dramatize stories or parts of stories	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	

Grade 1

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STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Phonemic Awareness		
Count the number of syllables in a word	TG 4, Lesson 2, p. 39	
Blend spoken sounds to form words, manipulating letters to represent each sound of most one-syllable words	All selections in Beyond the Code 1 can be used to meet this standard.	
Segment spoken words into component sounds, manipulating letters to represent each sound of most one-syllable words	All selections in Beyond the Code 1 can be used to meet this standard.	
Decoding Including Phonics and Structural Analysis		
• Identify and produce letter-sound correspondences, including consonants and short and long vowels	BK 3, Lesson 2, p. 11; TG 3, Lesson 2, p. 9; BC 1, pp. 91–94 (long vowels)	
Blend sounds using knowledge of letter-sound correspondences in order to decode unfamiliar, but decodable, one-syllable grade-level words	TG 2, Lesson 4, p. 41; BK 1, Lesson 4, p. 31; BC 1, pp. 5–7	
• Read common word families by blending the onset (/s/) and the rime (/it/, / at/) in grade-level words (s-it, s-at)	TG 1, Lesson 3, p. 13; BK 1, Lesson 3, p. 19	
Decode grade-level words using knowledge of root words, prefixes, suffixes, verb endings, plurals, contractions, and compounds	TG 4, Lesson 1, p. 37; WB 4, Lesson 1, p. 1 (compounds)	
Check accuracy of decoding using context to monitor and self-correct	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Print Awareness		
• Identify parts of a book and their purposes including identification of author, illustrator, title page, table of contents, and chapter headings	N/A	
Fluency		
• Sight-read automatically grade-level common, high-frequency words	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Sight-read automatically grade-level irregularly spelled words	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
• Sight-read automatically 300–500 words including sight and decodable words	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
• Use punctuation clues to read connected text with expression, accuracy and fluency	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
• Read grade-level texts with decodable and irregularly spelled words at appropriate speed, accuracy and expression (target benchmark at grade 1: 71 WPM)	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Background Knowledge and Vocabulary Development		
• Study antonyms, synonyms, and homonyms to learn new grade-level vocabulary	BC 1, p. 5 (synonyms); BC 1, p. 33 (antonyms); BC 1, p. 5 (homynyms)	
• Study categories of words (e.g., animals, place names) to learn new grade-level vocabulary	BC 1, p. 21	
• Study root words, prefixes, suffixes, verb endings, and plural nouns to learn new grade-level vocabulary	BC 2, p. 15 (prefixes); BK 4, Lesson 2, p. 9; TG 4, Lesson 2, p. 39 (suffixes)	
Connect words and ideas in books to prior knowledge	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Learn new words indirectly from reading books and other print sources	N/A	
• Increase background knowledge by elaborating and integrating new vocabulary and ideas from texts	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Use a dictionary to learn the meanings of words	N/A	
Comprehens	ion Strategies	
Read grade-level texts for different purposes	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
• Use comprehension strategies (predict/confirm, reread, self-correct) to clarify meaning of text	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component
Work cooperatively with peers (e.g., peer pairs or small groups) to comprehend text	N/A
Use graphic or semantic organizers to organize and categorize information	N/A
Ask questions in response to texts	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
Answer simple questions (such as how? why? what if?) in response to texts	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
Sequence events in retelling stories	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
Summarize main ideas from informational texts	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
Follow simple written instructions	N/A
Use own perspectives and opinions to comprehend text	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.

Grade 2

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STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Decoding Including Phonics and Structural Analysis		
• Identify and produce all letter-sound correspondences, including consonant blends/digraphs and vowel digraphs/diphthongs	BK 3, Lesson 5, p. 36; TG 3, Lesson 5, p. 15; BC 1, pp. 5–7 (digraphs)	
Blend sounds using knowledge of letter-sound correspondences in order to decode unfamiliar, but decodable, multisyllabic grade-level words	BK 4, Lesson 9, p. 9; TG 4, Lesson 9, p. 43; BC 1, pp. 81–83	
• Decode by analogy using knowledge of known words in word families to read unfamiliar grade-level words (e.g., given the known word boat, read coat, moat, goat)	BC 1, p. 1	
Decode grade-level words using knowledge of word structure (e.g., roots, prefixes, suffixes, verb endings, plurals, contractions, and compounds)	BC 2, p. 15 (prefixes); BK 4, Lesson 2, p. 9; TG 4, Lesson 2, p. 39 (suffixes)	
Check accuracy of decoding using context to monitor and self-correct	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Print Awareness		
• Identify book parts and their purposes including identification of author, illustrator, title page, table of contents, index, and chapter headings	N/A	
Fluency		
Sight-read automatically grade-level, common, high-frequency words	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	
Sight-read automatically grade-level texts with decodable and irregularly spelled words at appropriate speed, accuracy, and expression (target benchmark at grade 2: 82 WPM)	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.	

and Vocabulary Development
BC 1, p. 5 (synonyms); BC 1, p. 33 (antonyms); BC 1, p. 5 (homynyms)
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STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component
Support point of view with text information	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
• Lead or participate in discussion about grade-level books, integrating multiple strategies (e.g., ask questions, clarify misunderstandings, support point of view, summarize information)	All selections in Beyond the Code can be used to meet this standard.
Demonstrate comprehension of grade-level text through creative response, such as writing, drama, and oral presentation	N/A

Grade 3

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STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Decoding Including Phonics and Structural Analysis		
Use knowledge of letter-sound correspondence to blend sounds when reading unfamiliar, but decodable, grade-level words	All lessons use knowledge of letter-sound correspondences to blend sounds when reading decodable grade-level words. TG 3, Lesson 13, p. 33 TG 4, Lesson 7, pp. 48-49 TG 5, Lesson 4, pp. 13-14	
Decode by analogy using knowledge of syllable patterns (e.g., CVC, CVCC, CVVC) to read unfamiliar words, including multisyllabic grade-level words that are part of word families	TG 4, Lesson 2, pp. 39-40; Lesson 4, p. 43 BK 4, Lesson 2, pp. 9-16; Lesson 11, pp. 75-76 TG 6, Lesson 6, pp. 42-44 BK 6, Lesson 6, pp. 41-48 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49 BK 8, Lesson 8, p. 59 BC 4, p. 62	
Decode grade-level words using knowledge of word structure (e.g., roots, prefixes, suffixes, verb endings, plurals, contractions, and compounds)	TG 3, Lesson 7, p. 21; Lesson 10, p. 28 TG 4, Lesson 10, p. 56 BC 4, p. 44; p. 61 TG 6, Lesson 1, p. 32; Lesson 3, p. 37 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 22; Lesson 10, p. 23 BK 8, Lesson 5, p. 37; Lesson 8, pp. 59-67; Lesson 9, p. 69 TG 8, Lesson 1, pp. 36-37; Lesson 2, p. 38; Lesson 7, pp. 46-47; Lesson 10, pp. 50-52	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Fluency		
Sight-read automatically grade-level high-frequency words and irregularly spelled content words	All lessons have high-frequency and new vocabulary words introduced in each lesson under <i>Vocabulary</i> . TG 6, Lesson 6, p. 42 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49	
Read grade-level texts with decodable and irregularly spelled words at appropriate speed, accuracy, and expression (target benchmark at grade 3: 115 WPM)	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 TG 4, Lesson 11, p. 30 TG 5, Lesson 11 – Fluency, p. 28 TG 6, Lesson 5 – Fluency, p. 41 TG 8, Lesson 6 – Fluency, p. 45	
Background Knowledge and Vocabulary Development		
Study categories of words to learn grade-level vocabulary	All lessons have high-frequency and new vocabulary words introduced in each lesson under <i>Vocabulary</i> . TG 6, Lesson 6, p. 42 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49	
Analyze word structure (e.g., roots, prefixes, suffixes) to learn word meaning	TG 3, Lesson 7, p. 21; Lesson 10, p. 28 TG 4, Lesson 10, p. 56 BC 4, p. 44; p. 61 TG 6, Lesson 1, p. 32; Lesson 3, p. 37 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 22; Lesson 10, p. 23 BK 8, Lesson 5, p. 37; Lesson 8, pp. 59-67; Lesson 9, p. 69 TG 8, Lesson 1, pp. 36-37; Lesson 2, p. 38; Lesson 7, pp. 46-47; Lesson 10, pp. 50-52	
Connect words and ideas in books to spoken language vocabulary and background knowledge	All lessons connect words and ideas to spoken language vocabulary and background knowledge. TG 5, Lesson 8, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 4, p. 41	
Learn new vocabulary and concepts indirectly by reading books and other print sources	All lessons introduce new vocabulary. TG 7, Lesson 12, p. 26	
Identify specific words causing comprehension difficulties in oral or written language	TG 8, Lesson 3, p. 40	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component
Use a dictionary to learn the meanings of words and a thesaurus to identify synonyms and antonyms	TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 BK 7, Lesson 9, p. 67; Lesson 13, p. 107 TG 8, Lesson 9 – Challenge, p. 51; Lesson 10, p. 53
Comprehens	ion Strategies
Read grade-level texts with comprehension and for different purposes	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8
• Use comprehension strategies to monitor own reading (e.g., predict/confirm, reread, attend to vocabulary, self-correct) to clarify meaning of text	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8 TG 5, Lesson 11, p. 28
Work cooperatively with peers to comprehend text	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8 TG 5, Lesson 9 – Fluency, p. 24 TG 8, Lesson 2 – Comprehension, pp. 38-39
• Organize and categorize text information by using knowledge of a variety of text structures (e.g., cause and effect, fact and opinion, directions, time sequence)	N/A
• Use knowledge of structure of imaginative text to identify and interpret plot, character, and events	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 BK 7, Lesson 13, p. 103 BC 4, pp. 51-57
Listen to or read grade-level texts and ask questions to clarify understanding	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8
• Listen to or read grade-level texts and answer literal, inferential, and critical/application questions	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 BC 4, pp. 83-96
Summarize main ideas of informational text and details from imaginative text orally and in writing	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 and lessons offer the opportunity for students to summarize main ideas and details orally and in writing.
Support point of view with details from the text	N/A
• Lead and participate in discussion about grade-level texts by integrating multiple strategies (e.g., ask questions, clarify misunderstandings, support point of view, summarize information)	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8
• Demonstrate comprehension of grade-level text through creative responses, such as writing, drama, and oral presentations	TG 6, Lesson 8, p. 47 TG 8, Lesson 11 – Fluency, p. 54; Lesson 12 – Fluency, p. 56
• Infer underlying theme or message of written text	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8

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Use decoding strategies (e.g., knowledge of syllable patterns, decoding by analogy and word structure) to read unfamiliar words	TG 4, Lesson 2, pp. 39-40; Lesson 4, p. 43 BK 4, Lesson 2, pp. 9-16; Lesson 11, pp. 75-76 TG 6, Lesson 6, pp. 42-44 BK 6, Lesson 6, pp. 41-48 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49 BK 8, Lesson 8, p. 59 BC 4, p. 62	
Identify unfamiliar words using syntactic (grammar) cues	All lessons use syntactic cues to identify unfamiliar words. TG 7, Lesson 8, pp. 19-20	
Identify unfamiliar words using semantic (meaning) cues	All lessons use semantic cues to identify unfamiliar words. TG 8, Lesson 5, pp. 43-44	
Integrate sources of information when word reading to decode and cross-check	TG 7, Lesson 14, pp. 29-31	

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component
Fluency	
Sight-read automatically high-frequency words and irregularly spelled content words	All lessons have high-frequency and new vocabulary words introduced in each lesson under <i>Vocabulary</i> . TG 6, Lesson 6, p. 42 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49
Read with confidence from a variety of grade-level texts with appropriate speed, accuracy, and expression	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 TG 4, Lesson 11, p. 30 TG 5, Lesson 11 – Fluency, p. 28 TG 6, Lesson 5 – Fluency, p. 41 TG 8, Lesson 6 – Fluency, p. 45
Background Knowledge and Vocabulary Development	
Learn grade-level vocabulary through a variety of means	All lessons introduce new vocabulary in a variety of means. TG 6, Lesson 6, p. 42 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 8, p. 49
Use word structure such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes to determine meaning	TG 3, Lesson 7, p. 21; Lesson 10, p. 28 TG 4, Lesson 10, p. 56 BC 4, p. 44; p. 61 TG 6, Lesson 1, p. 32; Lesson 3, p. 37 TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 22; Lesson 10, p. 23 BK 8, Lesson 5, p. 37; Lesson 8, pp. 59-67; Lesson 9, p. 69 TG 8, Lesson 1, pp. 36-37; Lesson 2, p. 38; Lesson 7, pp. 46-47; Lesson 10, pp. 50-52
Use prior knowledge and experience in order to understand ideas and vocabulary found in books	All lessons connect words and ideas to spoken language vocabulary and background knowledge. TG 5, Lesson 8, p. 21 TG 8, Lesson 4, p. 41
Acquire new vocabulary by reading books and other print sources	All lessons introduce new vocabulary. TG 7, Lesson 12, p. 26
Use self-monitoring strategies to identify specific vocabulary that cause comprehension difficulties	TG 8, Lesson 3, p. 40

STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS	Component	
Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words by using context clues, dictionaries, and other resources	TG 7, Lesson 9, p. 21 BK 7, Lesson 9, p. 67; Lesson 13, p. 107 TG 8, Lesson 9 – Challenge, p. 51; Lesson 10, p. 53	
Use a thesaurus to identify synonyms and antonyms	BK 8, Lesson 5, p. 37; Lesson 6, p. 45	
Comprehension Strategies		
Read a variety of grade-level texts with understanding	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8	
Use self-monitoring strategies, such as rereading, attending to vocabulary, and cross-checking, to determine meaning of text	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8 TG 5, Lesson 11, p. 28	
Work cooperatively with others to determine meaning	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8 TG 5, Lesson 9 – Fluency, p. 24 TG 8, Lesson 2 – Comprehension, pp. 38-39	
Use text structure to recognize differences among a variety of texts	N/A	
Ask questions to clarify understanding of grade-level texts	All reading selections from BC 1-4; BK 7-8	
Read grade-level texts and answer literal, inferential, and evaluative questions	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 BC 4, pp. 83-96	
State a main idea and support it with details from the text	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8 and lessons offer the opportunity for students to summarize main ideas and details orally and in writing.	
State a point of view and support it with details from the text	N/A	
Participate in discussions about grade-level texts	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8	
Demonstrate comprehension of grade-level texts through a variety of responses, such as writing, drama, and oral presentations	TG 6, Lesson 8, p. 47 TG 8, Lesson 11 – Fluency, p. 54; Lesson 12 – Fluency, p. 56	
Recognize the theme or message of a text	All reading selections from BC1-4; BK 7-8	