

BRSU Reading Curriculum
Accuracy and Fluency

Fluent reading includes accuracy, rate, phrasing and expression. It is essential that we attend to fluency rates, because fluency affects comprehension.

Best Practices:

- **Don't expect speed before students become comfortable with decoding.**
- **Students should have time to practice fluency with familiar text.**
- **Two ways to improve reading fluency are:**
 1. **Guided oral reading (following along with the text)**
 2. **Repeated reading of the same text (4-8 times)**

“It’s important to keep in mind, though, that fluency should vary in response to text difficulty. However, when regularly read at a rate that is, say, 20% below the targets listed below, comprehension may be affected.” (Boke, Nick. I’M A READER: Reading To Learn. VSRI 2004. p.53)

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Appendix C: Fluency Rates

<u>Recommended Fluency Rates</u> (words read correctly per minute)	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Oral:	N/A	50-80 words correct per minute	80-100 words correct per minute	90-120 words correct per minute
Silent:	N/A	N/A	N/A	115-140
Reading grade appropriate text....	N/A	in a way that makes meaning clear, and demonstrates phrasing, expression, and attention to end punctuation	in a way that makes meaning clear, and demonstrates phrasing, expression, and attention to <u>punctuation</u> (including commas and quotation marks)	with phrasing and expression, and with attention to <u>text features, such as punctuation, italics, and dialogue</u>
<u>Accuracy</u> Reading with 90-94% accuracy	N/A	material appropriate for the end of grade one	material appropriate for the end of grade two	material appropriate for grade three

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<u>Recommended Fluency Rates</u> (words read correctly per minute)	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Oral:	115-140 words correct per minute	125-150 words correct per minute	135-160 words correct per minute	140-175 words correct per minute	150-180 words correct per minute
Silent:	130-175	160-200	190-220	215-245	235-270
Reading grade appropriate text....	with phrasing and expression, and with attention to text features, such as punctuation, italics, and dialogue				
<u>Accuracy</u> Reading with 90-94% accuracy	material appropriate for grade four	material appropriate for grade five	material appropriate for grade six	material appropriate for grade seven	material appropriate for grade eight