

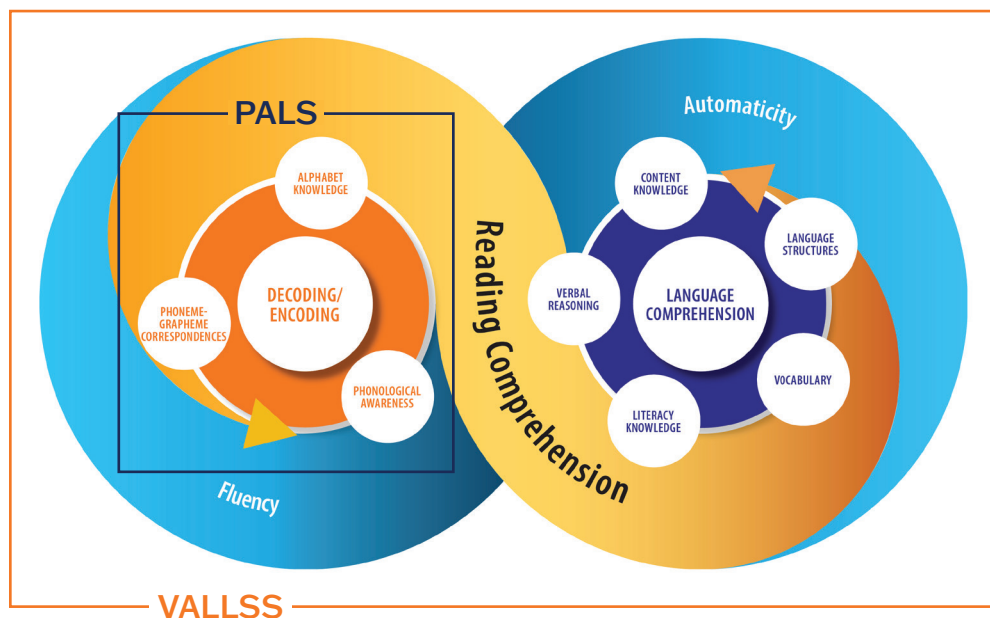
Revisions to Virginia's Literacy Screener

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Science-Based Reading Research | Informing the Need for a Revised Screener

WHY?

Comparing PALS and VALLSS (Virginia Language & Literacy Screening System)



Reading comprehension is the product of decoding and language comprehension with intricately woven subcomponent skills within both areas.

Currently, **PALS** focuses on the decoding/encoding side of reading development.

VALLSS has revised code-based subtests and additional subtests that capture language skills.

Adapted from Gough, P. and Tunmer, W. (1986) and Scarborough, H.S. (2001)

VALLSS:

- Aligns with the most current evidence base
- Includes a more comprehensive and expanded coverage of skills
- Extends to Pre-K 3-year-olds
- Accurately identifies students at risk of developing reading difficulties
- Provides instructionally-useful information for teachers
- Allows for measurement of growth over time and across grade levels as it is vertically-aligned

And there's more!

- Creating a vertically-aligned Spanish literacy measure (Pre-K through Grade 3) that is a parallel measure, not a translation
- New and improved online score entry and reporting system



WHAT?

Literacy Screener Revision Model (Spanish & English)

3- and 4- year-olds

Print Concepts
Alphabet Knowledge
Phonological Awareness
Rapid Automatized Naming (4's)
Emergent Writing
Language

Kindergarten

Alphabet Knowledge
Phonological Awareness
Rapid Automatized Naming
Decoding and Encoding
Language

Grades 1 through 3

Phonological Awareness
Rapid Automatized Naming
Decoding and Encoding
Oral Reading Fluency
Language

WHEN?

2021-2022

Pilot Pre-K through Grade 3
English & Spanish

2023-2024

Soft Launch VALLSS: Grades K-3 English for
participating divisions (fall, mid-year, and spring)

Fall 2022

Launch *Pre-K Language*
& *Literacy Screener* (English)

Fall 2024

Soft Launch VALLSS Español: Grades K-3
Launch VALLSS: Grades K-3 English
Pilot Pre-K through Grade 3 Spanish

2022-2023

Pilot K-3 English & Spanish
Additional Pre-K (English) validation

Fall 2025

Launch VALLSS Español: Grados Pre-K-3

WHERE?

Piloting in over 1,000 classrooms across Virginia to get a representative sample. Seventeen divisions are participating in the VALLSS: Grades K-3 Soft Launch in 2023-2024.