

Science-Based Reading Research 101

Making Connections: 2023
Albermarle County Public Schools

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Agenda

Virginia Literacy Act

Science-Based Reading Research

Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction

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Objectives:

- What is the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) and what does it mean for teachers?
- Why is Virginia making shifts to literacy instruction?
- What is Science-Based Reading Research?
- What is Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI)?
- What does EBLI look like in practice?

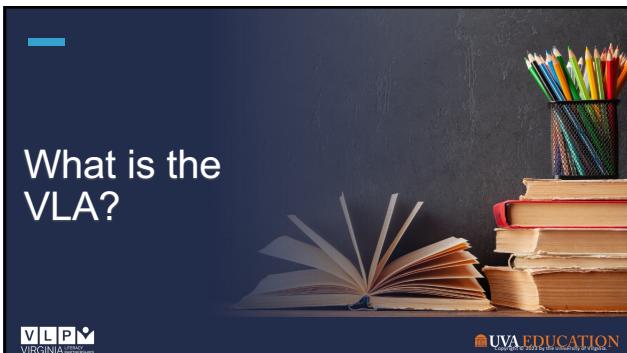
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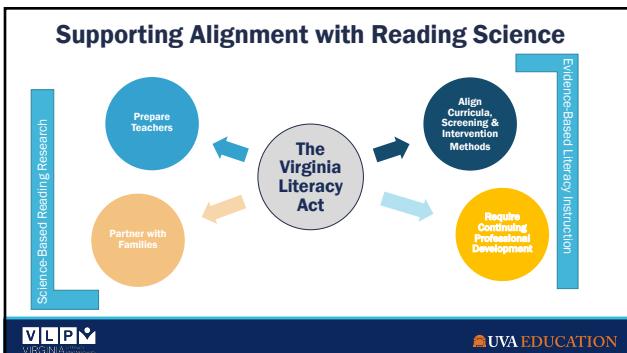
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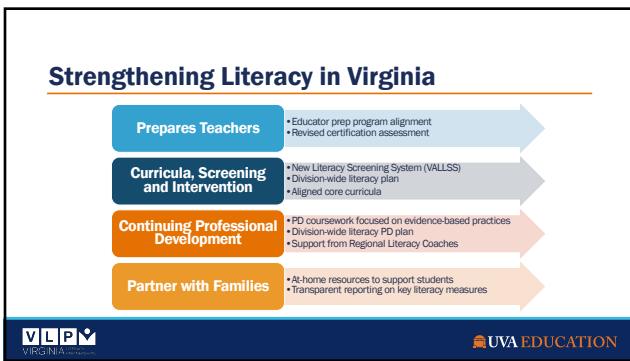
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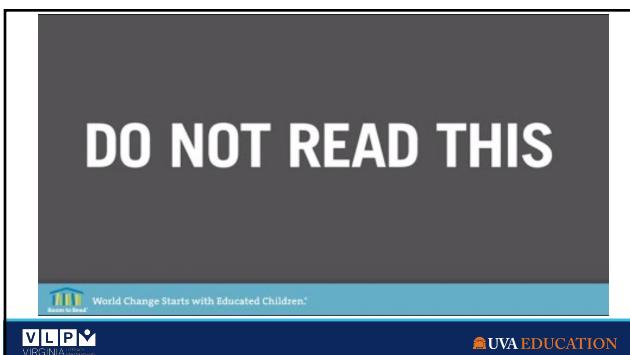
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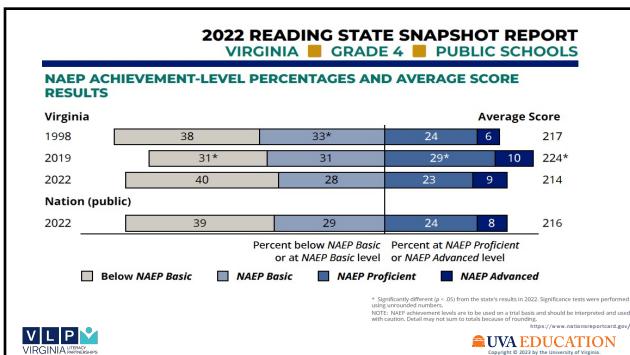
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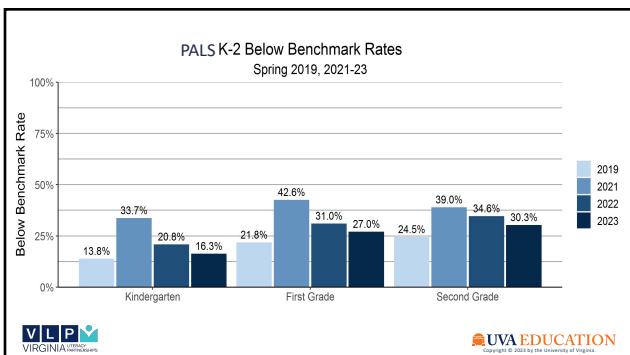
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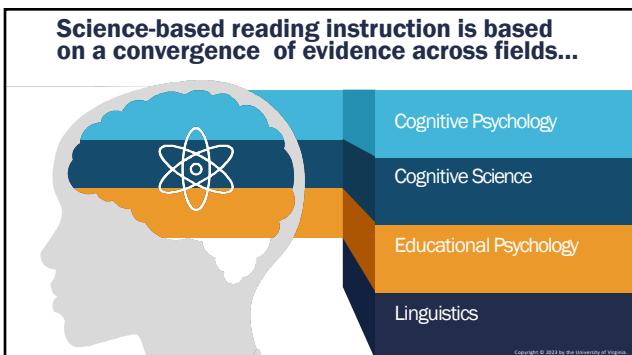
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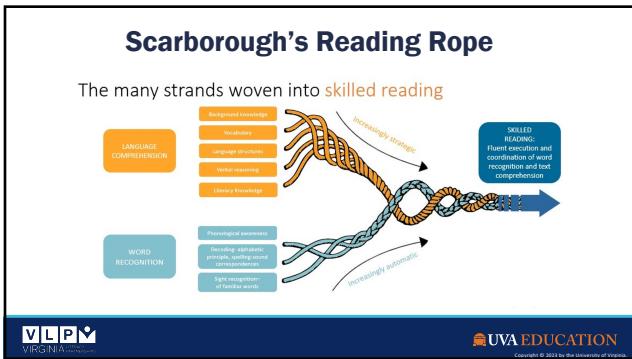
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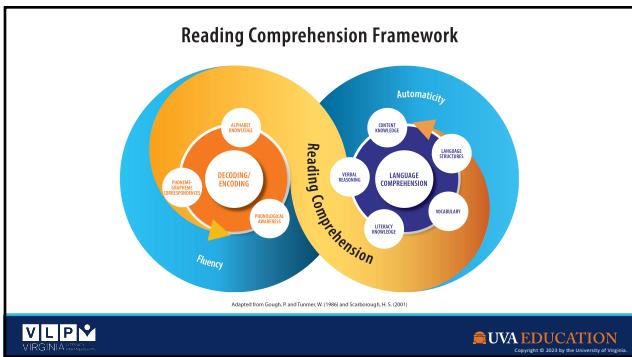
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What is Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction?

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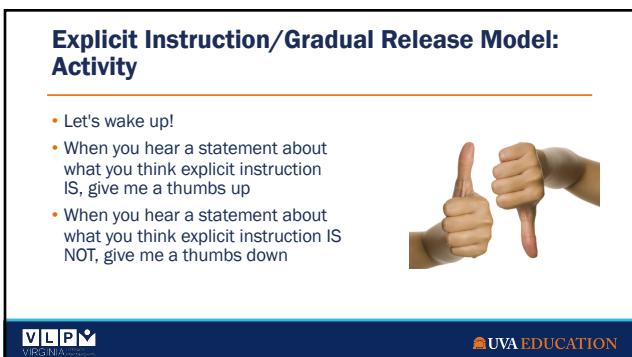
What is EBLI?

- Aligned Systems of Assessment
- Focus on the Essential Components of Reading
- Explicit and Systematic Instruction
- Ongoing Data-Based Decision Making

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Explicit Instruction/Gradual Release Model: Activity

- Let's wake up!
- When you hear a statement about what you think explicit instruction IS, give me a thumbs up
- When you hear a statement about what you think explicit instruction IS NOT, give me a thumbs down

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- Instruction that is skill based where students are active participants in the learning process
- Instruction that integrates smaller learning units into meaningful wholes
- Instruction that is developmentally appropriate and tailored specifically to students' learning
- One size fits all instruction
- Rote memorization

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What is Explicit and Systematic Instruction?

Explicit



Systematic



Effective Reading Instruction

Explicit Instruction
means skills are taught in a direct, clear, and structured manner.

Systematic Instruction
Means skills are taught in a logical and sequential order that build upon each other.

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What does EBLI look like in practice?



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More Effective/Less Effective Strategies



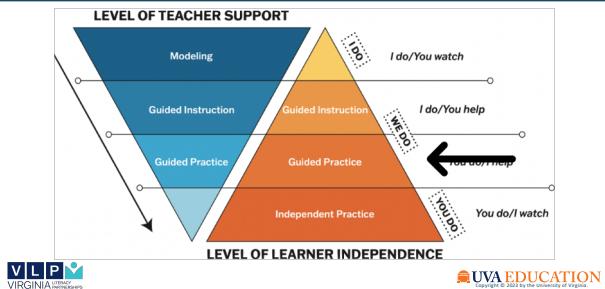
Utilize what we know about SBRR and EBLI to sort common practices by what you and your group feel are less effective and more effective practices.

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Explicit Instruction and the Gradual Release Model



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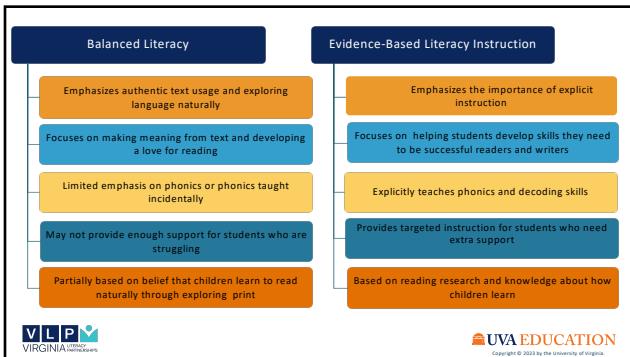
Essential Literacy Components



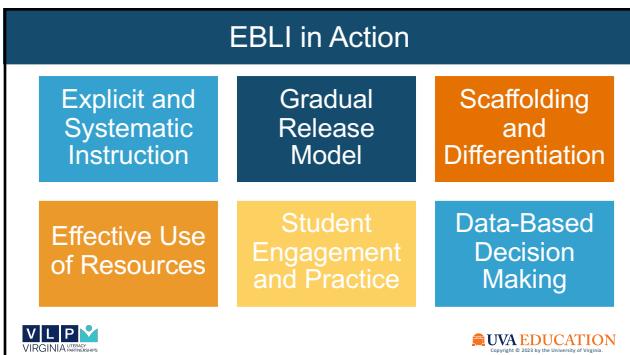
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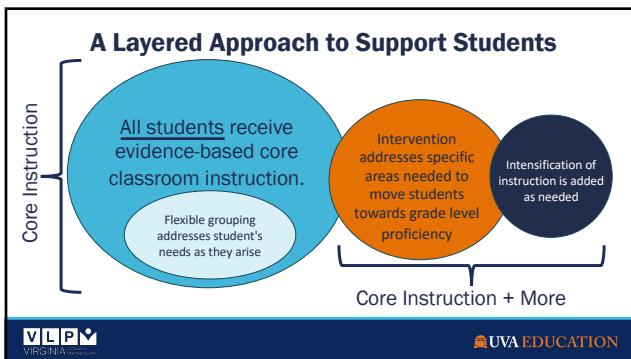
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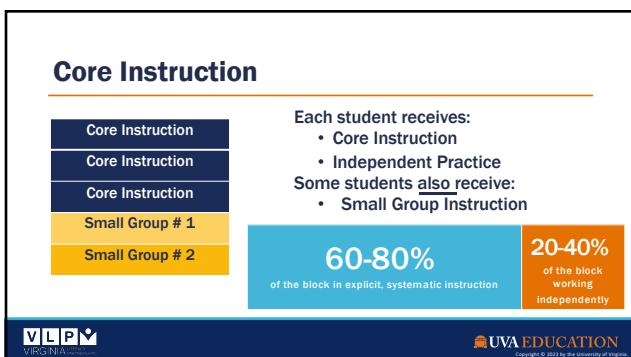
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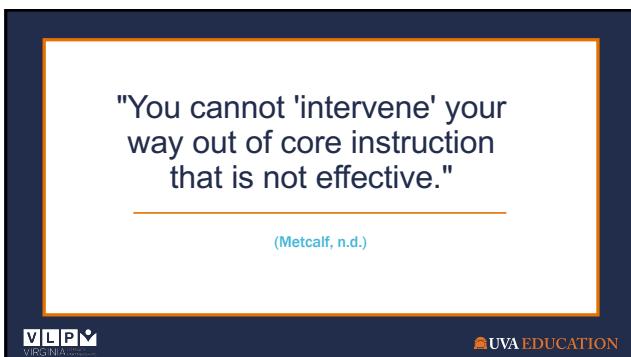
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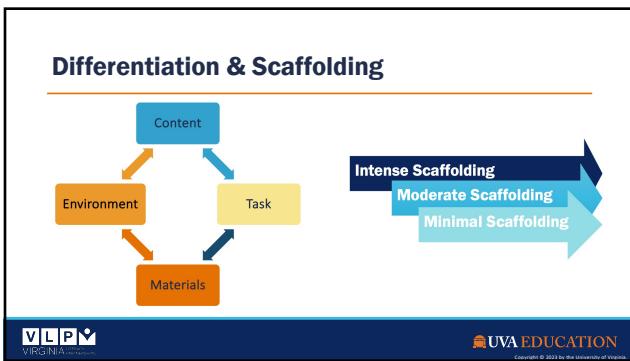
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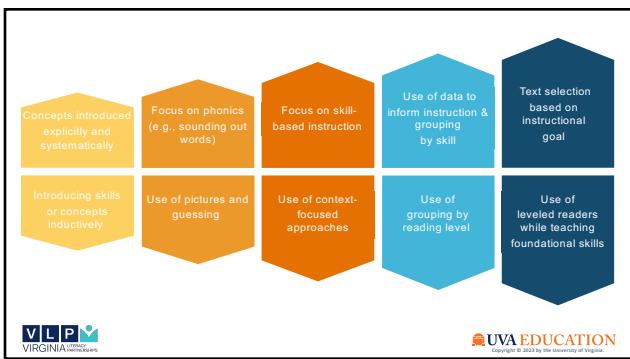
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Updated practices aligned with EBLI		
	Guided Reading	Flexible small group instruction
Purpose:	Support text reading at increasing higher levels	Support development of decoding, word recognition, and language comprehension
Reading block:	Most of the reading block spent in small group instruction with minimal whole group	Most of the reading block spent in teacher-directed whole group with strategic small groups
Grouping:	Based on running records	Based on phonemic awareness, phonics, and word reading proficiency
Text type:	Leveled readers	Decodable readers transitioning to less controlled text
Instruction:	Reading "strategies" that utilize multiple cues	Explicit and targeted instruction

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Next steps..

- What conversations do you need to have?
- Who do you need to have these conversations with?
- What resources do you need?
- What can you start now?
- What questions do you have?
- What is one thing you learned today that you will take?



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Further Learning


<https://lrc.virginia.edu/research/findings>
<https://lrc.virginia.edu/instructional-protocols>


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Thank you!



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