# Core Program Summary

## Amplify Education, Inc., Amplify CKLA, 2022

### Information

**This program was approved for use in:**

* **Kindergarten**
* **First Grade**
* **Second Grade**
* **Third Grade**

**Core (Universal) Programming:** A reading program that is used to help guide both initial and differentiated instruction in the regular classroom. It supports instruction in the broad range of reading skills (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension) required to become a skilled reader. It contains teacher’s manuals with explicit lesson plans and provides reading and practice materials for students (FCRR, n.d.).

**Please access the scored rubric online to review the specific criteria and feedback for each approved core reading program.**

Rubrics are available for all instructional program reviewed from the CDE upon request. Please contact [READAct@cde.state.co.us](mailto:READAct@cde.state.co.us).

The Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (READ Act), passed by the Colorado legislature in 2012, focuses on early literacy development for all students kindergarten through third grade and especially for students at risk of not reaching grade-level proficiency in reading by the end of third grade. Included in the READ Act is the requirement that the department shall create an advisory list of evidence-based or scientifically based instructional programming in reading, pursuant to C.R.S. 22-7-1209.

The main purpose of the READ Act Advisory List of Instructional Programming is to provide districts and schools with a choice of instructional programming that adequately enhances teacher quality and is a major vehicle that schools/districts can utilize to upgrade their capacity as it relates to the implementation of the evidence-based literacy practices.

### CDE Core Program Rating Summary

**Kindergarten:** Meets Expectations

**First Grade:** Meets Expectations

**Second Grade:** Meets Expectations

**Third Grade:** Meets Expectations

**Usability:** Meets Expectations

### Vendor Information and Program Summary

**Vendor:** Amplify CKLA

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**Vendor provided summary:**

Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA), based on decades of cognitive science and classroom-based research in

the science of reading, is a PreK-5 comprehensive program that provides explicit instruction and practice in phonological

awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. The program uses a unique two-strand instructional

approach to target knowledge and skills from Kindergarten to Grade 2. The Skills Strand focuses more closely on

phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency to support vocabulary building and comprehension. The Knowledge

Strand, on the other hand, focuses on both listening and reading comprehension and on building robust, diverse,

academic vocabulary while continuing to support skills development. In Grade 3, these strands become integrated,

ensuring that students develop and apply literacy skills as they deepen their knowledge base.

Amplify CKLA increases literacy and background knowledge across subject areas with informational and literary texts

organized coherently to build students’ reading, writing, listening and speaking skills with:

* Regular instruction with complex text.
* Strong exposure to academic vocabulary.
* Decodable student readers.
* Read-Aloud text for rich, structured, teacher-led discussions.
* Writing that is connected to reading.

Amplify CKLA supports teachers in the systematic teaching of reading and writing, provides essential time for review and

practice to build automaticity and fluency, and engages students with literary and informational texts to build their

vocabulary, knowledge and love of reading. Teacher Guides, the Program Guide, and additional planning documents on

the CKLA digital experience site assist teachers in pacing the instruction across the ELA block for each grade.

Also available on the Amplify CKLA digital experience site are a variety of additional resources to enhance teaching and

learning. These include digital presentation slides as well as multimedia resources that can be played or projected during

lessons, such as Sound Library videos to model the articulation of the 44 phonemes and engaging Knowledge Builder

videos to launch each domain. Other resources include e-books and audiobooks for all the Readers, the Vocabulary

Toolkit (K-5), Novel Guides (3-5), and Essential Questions and Prompts for Grades 3-5.