

What is VALLSS?

The Virginia Language and Literacy Screener (VALLSS) is a state-required assessment given to students in grades 4–8. VALLSS is designed to identify students' strengths and areas of need in reading and literacy. This information helps teachers provide the right level of support to ensure all students continue to grow as readers.

How Does VALLSS Support Students?

- **Identifies Reading Needs** – The screener shows where students are excelling and where they may need additional practice, such as vocabulary, comprehension, or fluency.
 - **Guides Instruction** – Teachers use the results to plan effective instruction and interventions so that students receive the right support at the right time.
 - **Connects to Student Reading Plans** – If a student needs extra support, the results of VALLSS help create an individualized Student Reading Plan, which outlines specific strategies to strengthen literacy skills.
 - **Supports Growth Over Time** – Students take VALLSS more than once during the year, giving teachers and families a clear picture of progress.
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Why It Matters

Strong reading skills open the door to success in every subject area. VALLSS ensures that no student slips through the cracks by giving teachers the data they need to help every learner grow. Families can partner with schools by reviewing results, encouraging daily reading, and supporting practice at home. For additional information on how you can support your student's literacy growth, please access the following [link](#).