



# Understanding Readiness for Elementary and Middle Schools

**Readiness** addresses the question: *are students participating in activities preparing them for and demonstrating readiness for the next level, college, or career?* There are three readiness indicators for elementary and middle schools: Literacy, Student Attendance, and Beyond the Core.

## Key Terms for Readiness

**Beyond the Core** (indicator) - percent of students earning a passing score in fine arts or world language at elementary school level; percent of students earning a passing score in fine arts, world language, physical education/health, or career exploratory at middle school level.

Additional CCRPI terms can be found in the [Glossary of CCRPI Terms](#).

## FAQs about Readiness

How is literacy measured?

The literacy indicator is the percent of students in grades 3-5 demonstrating reading comprehension at the midpoint of the College & Career Ready “Stretch” Lexile Band for each grade level.

What does the student attendance indicator measure?

Student attendance is the percent of students absent fewer than 10% of enrolled days.

If an elementary school student passes both fine arts and world language, does she count twice in the Beyond the Core percent?

No, each student counts only once towards the Beyond the Core percent. However, if she does pass both fine arts and world language, she will show in the percent for both sub-indicators (fine arts and world language).

If a middle school student passes a course in more than one of the Beyond the Core areas, does he count twice in the Beyond the Core percent?

No, each student counts only once towards the Beyond the Core percent. However, if he does pass courses in more than one area, he will show in the percent for each of those areas.

How can the sub-indicator percentages sum to more than 100%?

Students can count in each of the areas, so the sum can exceed 100%. However, at the indicator level, each student only counts once – either as meeting the Beyond the Core indicator or not, so the percent there cannot exceed 100%.