

# CESA 9 FoRT Preparation

Foundations of Reading Test Prep, THREE pathways for customized learning!

## What does the Foundations of Reading Test (FoRT) really assess?

It's assessing our ability to teach reading from a diagnostic perspective. As special education teachers, reading teachers, and reading specialists it is imperative that we have a thorough command of the knowledge base that grounds this assessment. It is crucial that we build a deep understanding of the science behind teaching reading effectively. CESA 9 provides three pathways to support you, from live learning and collaboration to independent study.

**CESA 9 OFFERS THREE pathways for FoRT preparation (see below for details)! If you are wondering which one is best for you, please reach out to Amy McGovern at [amcgovern@CESA9.org](mailto:amcgovern@CESA9.org).**

1. 5-Day FoRT Prep Class (Virtual) with 3 cohort options. **Fee:** \$250 for CESA 9 SI Members, \$275 for others  
Option 1 Registration: [Fall Cohort](#) [Winter Cohort](#) [Summer Cohort](#)
2. Independent Study of FoRT Online Modules (Buzz course) **PLUS** 1.5 hours of virtual consultation on dates to be determined by Amy.  
**Fee (prepayment required, see page 2 for details\*):** \$150 for CESA 9 SI Members, \$175 for others  
[Option 2 Registration](#)
3. Independent Study of FoRT Online Modules (Buzz course).  
**Fee (prepayment required, see page 2 for details\*):** \$50 for CESA 9 SI Members, \$75 for others  
[Option 3 Registration](#)

**Registration for Options 2 & 3 ends April 30, 2021.**

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**Option 1:** The 5-Day FoRT Prep Class is not just a “how to pass the test” course! If you have taken the FoRT once, twice, or more and still need support, we invite you to join us for these empowering learning sessions. **The virtual CESA 9 FoRT Prep Class is UNIQUE and IMPACTFUL!** It requires 5 three-hour live Zoom sessions about every 2 to 3 weeks, plus time spent preparing on your own. *At the end of this course, you will be ready to analyze the test questions and respond as a truly diagnostic teacher should.* ADDED Bonus: You will leave this course better prepared to support the students who need you to be the best reading teacher possible.

This course is set up to support the distributed practice of the content so as to provide adequate time to process, apply, and reflect upon key concepts tested on the FoRT. Prior to each class, teachers will need to complete a portion of the test as assigned by Amy.

Week 1/ Day 1: Test overview and basic intro to the Science of Reading

Week 2/ Day 2: Phonology, Phonological & Phoneme Awareness

Week 3/ Day 3: Phonic/Decoding & Encoding

Week 4/ Day 4: Vocabulary & Comprehension

Week 5/ Day 5: Written Response

**Option 2:** Independent study of online modules (Buzz course) **PLUS** 90 minutes of customized collaboration via virtual office meetings with Amy.

**Option 3:** Independent study of online modules (Buzz course) only.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTION 1</b>  <b>5-Day FoRT Prep Dates (Virtual)</b>  <a href="#">Fall Cohort Registration</a>  <a href="#">Winter Cohort Registration</a>  <a href="#">Summer Cohort Registration</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTION 2</b>  <b>Independent Online Modules</b>  <b>(Buzz course) with 1.5 hours of</b>  <b>virtual consultation</b>  <a href="#">Register here</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTION 3</b>  <b>Independent Online Modules</b>  <b>(Buzz course) — 100% Self-Study</b>  <a href="#">Register here</a></p>
<p>Five-part interactive online course via Zoom includes targeted instruction in the assessed area, time to collaborate and process content with Amy &amp; classmates, time to ask clarifying questions and work through sample problems together. Class preparation includes answering test items and reading articles prior to the Zoom meeting.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b>  <b>\$250 for CESA 9 SI Members</b>  <b>\$275 for non-CESA 9 SI Members</b></p> <p><b>Fall Cohort (4-7:00PM)</b>  <a href="#">bit.ly/FoRTFALL</a>            October 2 &amp; 20, 2020            November 9, 2020            December 2 &amp; 14, 2020</p> <p><b>Winter Cohort (8-11:00AM)</b>  <a href="#">bit.ly/FoRTWINTER</a>            January 14, 2021            February 1 &amp; 22, 2021            March 10, 2021            April 8, 2021</p> <p><b>Summer Cohort (9-Noon)</b>  <a href="#">bit.ly/FoRTSUMMER</a>            June 15, 22 &amp; 29, 2021            July 29, 2021            August 4, 2021</p>	<p>Sign up for the FoRT Prep ONLINE modules to study on your own. Then schedule up to 90 minutes to meet online with Amy for customized support. Meeting times may be spread across more than one date.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b>  <b>\$150 for CESA 9 SI Members</b>  <b>\$175 for non-CESA 9 SI Members</b>            You will have access to the Buzz modules until <b>June 30, 2021</b>.</p> <p><a href="#">bit.ly/FoRTOpt2</a></p> <p><b>*Prepayment is required. When payment is submitted, you will be sent to a page with instructions on how to access the course in Buzz. Once access is provided, refunds will not be given.</b></p> <p>Virtual office hours for consultation appointments will be provided on the following dates (additional dates may be added as needed):</p> <p>9/15/20 from 3-6 PM            10/1/20 from 3-6 PM            11/2/20 from 3-6 PM            12/4/20 from 2-5 PM            1/13/21 from 3-6 PM            2/15/21 from 3-6 PM            4/20/21 from 3-6 PM            5/18/21 from 3-6 PM            6/16/21 from 9-Noon</p>	<p>For those interested in self-study alone. These online modules will support your learning.</p> <p>Newly revised, self-paced modules provide content and video modeling of effective teaching practices aligned with the science of reading.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b>  <b>\$50 for CESA 9 SI Members</b>  <b>\$75 for non-CESA 9 SI Members</b>            You will have access to the Buzz modules until <b>June 30, 2021</b>.</p> <p><a href="#">bit.ly/FoRTOpt3</a></p> <p><b>*Prepayment is required. When payment is submitted, you will be sent to a page with instructions on how to access the course in Buzz. Once access is provided, refunds will not be given.</b></p>



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