

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.

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.

