

# CESA 9 FoRT Preparation

Foundations of Reading Test Prep - TWO options for customized preparation!



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

It is 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.

## 5-Session FoRT Live Prep Class (Virtual via Zoom)

This 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 class includes targeted instruction in the assessed area, time to collaborate and process content with Amy & classmates, and 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. At the end of this course, you will be ready to analyze the test questions and respond as a truly diagnostic teacher should. Embedded into the five days: essential information on a variety of assessments and analyzing student responses to determine the next best instructional step. **ADDED Bonus:** You will leave this course better prepared to support the students who need you to be the best reading teacher possible.

**Day 1:** Test Overview and Basic Intro to the Science of Reading

**Day 2:** Phonology, Phonological & Phoneme Awareness

**Day 3:** Phonic/Decoding & Encoding

**Day 4:** Vocabulary & Comprehension

**Day 5:** Written Response

**Cost for the 5-session series:**

(if applicable, discount will automatically apply during registration)

**\$250 for CESA 9 CSI Members**

**\$275 for non-CESA 9 CSI Members**

**Time:** 4:00-7:00 PM

**Dates:** January 16, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 6, 2024

April 8, 2024

April 24, 2024

**Register here: <https://bit.ly/FoRTLIVE24>**

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## FoRT Test Prep Day (In-person at CESA 9, Tomahawk)

Participants will complete an Intensive review and item analysis of the 4 key areas of the Foundations of Reading Test.

1. Foundations of Reading Development
2. Development of Reading Comprehension
3. Reading Assessment and Instruction
4. Integration of knowledge and understanding as demonstrated through the two open-response items

**Note:** You can bring your own lunch or go out to one of our local restaurants during your lunch break.

**Prerequisite:** You must have attended a FoRT Live course from CESA 9 or another credible FoRT prep course. Consult with Amy McGovern for more information ([amcgovern@cesa9.org](mailto:amcgovern@cesa9.org) or 715-453-2141).

**Cost:**

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**\$150 for CESA 9 CSI Members**

**\$175 for non-CESA 9 CSI Members**

**Time:**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Date:**

May 18, 2024

**Register here: <https://bit.ly/FoRTTestPrep>**