

**Missouri State Show-Me Standards  
correlated to  
Merit Software Reading Comprehension Basic Programs**

The academic standards incorporate and strongly promote the understanding that active, hands-on learning will benefit students of all ages. By integrating and applying basic knowledge and skills in practical and challenging ways across all disciplines, students experience learning that is more engaging and motivating. Such learning stays in the mind long after the tests are over and acts as a springboard to success beyond the classroom.

These standards for students are not a curriculum. Rather, the standards serve as a blueprint from which local school districts may write challenging curriculum to help all students achieve their maximum potential. Missouri law assures local control of education. Each school district will determine how its curriculum will be structured and the best methods to implement that curriculum in the classroom.

Merit’s Reading Comprehension Basic programs address the following Missouri State Show-Me Standards:

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<b>Subhead</b>	<b>Performance Goal</b>	<b>Performance Standard</b>	<b>Knowledge Standard</b>	<b>Merit Software</b>
Reading	GOAL 1: Students in Missouri public schools will acquire the knowledge and skills to gather, analyze and apply information and ideas.	Students will demonstrate within and integrate across all content areas the ability to: 5. comprehend and evaluate written, visual and oral presentations and works	Communication Arts In Communication Arts, students in Missouri public schools will acquire a solid foundation which includes knowledge of and proficiency in 2. reading and evaluating fiction, poetry and drama	Reading Shape Up Set 2, Accu-Reading Sets 1-2, Developing Critical Thinking Skills Sets 1-2, Reading Critically Non-fiction Sets 1-2, Real World Reading Skills Set 2, Reading Strategies for Career Success Set 1, Literature Based Reading Series 1-2
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