

**Diocese of Davenport**  
**Language Arts Standards and Benchmarks**  
**Grade Level 1**

**Standard 1:** Demonstrates competence in the general skills and strategies of the reading process

**A. Interval Benchmark:** Uses the skills and strategies of the print-sound code when reading grade appropriate text

- 1. Grade Level Benchmark:** Knows the names of the letters of the alphabet and can identify them by name in any context
- 2. Grade Level Benchmark:** Knows the correspondences between speech sounds and the letters or letter combinations that represent these sounds
- 3. Grade Level Benchmark:** Converts written word to spoken word

**B. Interval Benchmark:** Demonstrates accuracy and fluency when reading grade appropriate text

- 1. Grade Level Benchmark:** Knows by sight a minimum of 100 high-frequency words
- 2. Grade Level Benchmark:** Reads grade appropriate books--at a minimum, Level I
- 3. Grade Level Benchmark:** Reads aloud independently at a minimum Level I by the end of first grade
- 4. Grade Level Benchmark:** Uses the cues of punctuation to guide them in getting meaning and in fluently reading aloud

**C. Interval Benchmark:** Uses the skills and strategies of a cueing system when reading grade appropriate text

- 1. Grade Level Benchmark:** Uses self-monitoring and self-correcting strategies when reading familiar and unfamiliar material
- 2. Grade Level Benchmark:** Uses text clues and contextual cues to check meaning
- 3. Grade Level Benchmark:** Uses prior knowledge or experience with the story or the topic to monitor meaning

**D. Interval Benchmark:** Uses a variety of comprehension processes

- 1. Grade Level Benchmark:** Retells stories, parts of stories, or books in own words
- 2. Grade Level Benchmark:** Summarizes what a story or book is about
- 3. Grade Level Benchmark:** Responds to stories in a variety of ways to show comprehension
- 4. Grade Level Benchmark:** Makes and supports predictions

**E. Interval Benchmark:** Uses the structural features of a variety of text

- 1. Grade Level Benchmark:** Knows the parts of a book

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**2. Grade Level Benchmark:** Knows the structural features of written text