What is the assessment and why are you measuring reading growth?
- Your child's program uses Acadience testing as part of helping to identify and meet your child's reading needs.
- Acadience is a set of standardized assessments, like the M-STEP, iReady, or NWEA that students take in school.
- Assessment helps tutoring programs and tutors know what reading level your child is at, it helps to identify skills they have and things to work on, and how your child's reading skills are growing.

How will my child's privacy be kept safe?
- Tutoring program staff hold the login for the secure online assessment platform
- Tutoring program shares data with 313Reads for evaluation support
- Every child's name and identifying information are not shared with any other parties

How can I read my child's scores?
- You can receive your child's score report from the tutoring program after the assessment is completed.
- The 5 reading skills are color coded on your child's score report to show if they are at grade level for each skill.
  - "Benchmark" is the word that Acadience uses for whether a reader is achieving at grade level.
- You will be able to compare your child's scores from assessments done over the year to see the progress they're making!

What skills are measured with Acadience?
Acadience measures 5 reading skills that research shows us are important for literacy success:
- Do they know all the names of letters?
- Do they know the sounds that letters make in different words?
- Can they separate sounds in words?
- Can they use what they know about letter sounds to read words they don't know?
- Can they read text aloud, and remember what they've read enough to tell you about it?

Who should I contact if I have questions about Acadience or my child's scores?
- Please contact the leader of tutoring and programming wherever your child is receiving tutoring. They hold the login for the program's Acadience data and can support you!
Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has been tested using the Acadience Reading assessment. The purpose of Acadience Reading is to monitor your child’s development in reading, to identify students who need additional help, and to guide the teacher’s classroom instruction. Acadience Reading should not be confused with IQ testing. The scores tell us whether a child is progressing toward “on track” for learning to read, or whether a child may require additional help in learning important reading skills.

Acadience Reading consists of several brief tests that measure critical skills that students need to master in order to become good readers. Much like measuring a child’s height and weight provides an indicator of that child’s overall growth, each Acadience test provides an indicator of how well a child is doing in learning a particular early reading skill. The scores tell us whether a child is likely to be “on track” for learning to read, or whether that child may require additional help in learning important reading skills.

2020-2021 Scores for River N

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Understanding the Assessments

Reading Composite Score

The Reading Composite Score is a combination of multiple Acadience Reading scores and provides the best overall estimate of a student’s reading proficiency.

Oral Reading Fluency

ORF is a measure of advanced phonics and word attack skills, accurate and fluent reading of connected text, and reading comprehension.

- **ORF - Words Correct**: The number of words read correctly.
- **ORF - Accuracy**: The percent of words read accurately.
- **ORF - Retell**: A count of correct words the student gave in response to the passage.

Maze

MAZE assesses the student’s ability to construct meaning from text.

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Note:

- Assessments and skills tracked are different for each grade level. Your child’s score report may not exactly match this sample.