313Reads Assessment Overview
For Families
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Who is 313Reads and how do we work with tutoring programs?

● Your child’s tutoring program is a member of 313Reads.
● We’re a community coalition that works with literacy programs to help support their impact.
● Together, we lead a shared literacy assessment to help programs meet readers’ needs and grow their program impact.
We work as a collective impact coalition to ensure that all those who serve our children and families in Detroit have equitable access to evidence-based and culturally sustaining literacy practices and programs, data, assessments, and resources in order to support grade level reading, literacy equity, and literacy justice for our children, families, and community.
Your child’s program uses Acadience testing as part of helping 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.

We use Acadience because school districts hold the data for their students. Data are not shared beyond classroom and district levels.
How is my child’s privacy kept safe?

- The tutoring program staff holds the login for the secure online assessment platform.
- The tutoring program shares data with 313Reads because we support them in evaluating the impact of their programming. The child’s name and any identifying information are not shared beyond that.
Why will my child’s reading growth be measured?

- Assessment helps the tutoring program and tutor know what reading level your child is at. It helps identify skills they already have and things to work on, like which letter-sound relationships they already know.

- Assessment helps the tutoring program and tutor see how your child’s reading is growing and how they can help them grow even more.
Why will my child’s reading growth be measured?

It measures 5 reading skills that research shows us are important for literacy success:

- Do they know all the names of the 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 sounds that letters make to read words they don’t know?
- Can they read text aloud, and remember what they’ve read enough to tell you about it?
Acadience Assessment Measure Examples

Progress Monitoring

Nononsense Word Fluency

NWF-CLS  NWF-WWR

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Responses

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Assessor: Acadience Learning
Date: January 24, 2022

Alphabetic Principle and Basic Phonics
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 Acadience uses for whether a reader is achieving at grade level. In the example below, you see that Acadience uses color coding to show where each skill is—starting from well below grade level (benchmark) and going to above grade level (benchmark).

You will be able to compare your child’s scores from assessments done in the fall, winter, spring, and summer to see the progress they are making!
River N

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 used to grade a child.

Acadience Reading consists of several brief tests that are used as indicators of 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 need some additional help in learning important reading skills.

2020-2021 Scores for River N

Understanding the Assessments

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- **ORF - RETELL** is a count of correct words the student gave in response to the passage.

**Maze (MAZE)**
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Example Score Report

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Grade level/Benchmark color key

Overall score across skills

Time of year the child took the assessment

Individual skill scores

Explanation of the assessment that is targeted at each skill
Who should I contact if I have questions about Acadience or my child’s scores?

Your contact would be the person who leads the tutoring programming your child is enrolled in. They hold the login for the program’s Acadience data platform and can support you.
Thank you!