

Acadience Reading Assessments

What is Acadience Reading?

Acadience Reading is a universal screener that measures early literacy skills that students must master in order to become proficient readers beginning in kindergarten. The assessment has six parts which measure:

- 1.) First Sound Fluency – the student articulates the first sound of each word the assessor dictates.
- 2.) Letter Naming Fluency – students are asked to name the letter from a list of letters presented to them.
- 3.) Phoneme Segmentation Fluency – the student articulates the individual sounds in each word that is given to him/her.
- 4.) Nonsense Word Fluency – the student is presented with a list of nonsense (not real) words and asked to read them.
- 5.) Oral Reading Fluency – The student is presented with a passage and asked to read it aloud and re-tell what s/he just read.
- 6.) Maze – the student is presented with a passage where some words are redacted. The student must choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence.

Why use Acadience Reading Assessment?

The Acadience Reading assessment assists instructors in early identification of students who are at risk for reading difficulties, identifies areas for instructional support, monitors students who are at risk, and examines instructional effectiveness.

Are all students administered the same assessment?

Yes, all students are administered the same assessment via the computer, but different measures are administered in each grade level at different times of the year.

How much time will Acadience Reading take to administer?

Times vary by grade and assessment. In general, at the beginning of the year, the assessment takes between 3 to 13 minutes per student. This is an individually administered assessment for all components except the Maze.

Why not use the same assessment (e.g., NWEA) for Reading?

Connecticut General Statutes 10-14t(a) dictates that all public schools use an approved reading assessment to identify students in kindergarten through grade three who may be below proficiency in reading. The legislation requires an assessment which measures discrete reading skills versus computer adaptive testing such as NWEA.

Will results be shared with families?

Yes, as with NWEA, students results will be shared with families after the testing window has concluded.

Where can I find more information on the Acadience Reading Assessment?

For more information on Acadience Reading, please visit the assessment website [here](#) or review the frequently asked questions [here](#).