

#RiseWithReading

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Horry County Schools POSSIBILITIES

STEPPING FORWARD: >>>

INSTRUCTION. INNOVATION. IMPACT.



A STRONG FOUNDATION.
A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Understanding Your Child's Lexile

A quick guide
for families

What is a Lexile measure?

A Lexile measure shows your child's reading ability on the same scale used to measure the difficulty of books and reading materials. It helps teachers match your child with the right texts and instruction so they can grow as readers all year long.

4 THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR CHILD'S LETTER



1. ASSESSMENT WINDOW

Your child is assessed
three times a year:
Fall, Winter, and Spring.



2. LEXILE SCORE

This is your child's score
from the assessment.
(Younger students may
have a BR score.)



3. PERFORMANCE BAND

Shows how your child's
score compares to
grade-level expectations.



4. GROWTH OVER TIME

Compare your child's scores
across Fall, Winter, and
Spring to see progress.

UNDERSTANDING THE PERFORMANCE BANDS

Scores are placed into one of four performance levels.



PRE-BASIC

Beginning to develop
foundational reading
skills and needs
targeted support.



BASIC

Still developing
grade-level reading
skills and may benefit
from additional support.



PROFICIENT

Meeting grade-level
expectations and able
to read and understand
grade appropriate texts.



ADVANCED

Demonstrates strong
reading skills above
grade-level expectations
and can comprehend
more complex texts.



IMPORTANT: Lexile expectations change by grade level and by Fall, Winter, and Spring assessment windows. Always compare your child's score to the correct grade and testing window.

95%

GOAL: All HCS
students will be
reading on grade
level by 2030.

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Frequently Asked Questions.



What is a Lexile measure?

It's a number that represents your child's reading ability. It helps match them with books and materials that are at the right level of challenge.



What does BR mean?

BR stands for Beginning Reader. Younger students who are still learning early reading skills receive a BR score instead of a standard Lexile score.



Does a low score mean my child can't read?

Not at all. A low score simply means your child is working on building important reading skills. With the right support and practice, students make progress every day.



What if my child is in the Advanced range?

Great! They are reading above grade-level expectations. Keep encouraging them with challenging books and meaningful discussions to continue their growth.



Why do scores change during the year?

Scores often increase as students learn new skills and gain more reading experience. Expectations also change between Fall, Winter, and Spring.



What if my child receives alternate assessment services? Why didn't they receive a Lexile score?

Students who participate in the SC Alternate Assessment (SCA) are assessed based on their Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals aligned to alternate academic achievement standards. Because these standards measure different skills than the general assessment, Lexile scores are not provided. Instead, you will receive information about your child's progress toward their IEP goals. For more information, contact your child's teacher or school.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

- ✓ Read together for at least 20 minutes each day.
- ✓ Ask questions about the story and characters.
- ✓ Visit the library and let your child choose books that interest them.
- ✓ Talk together about characters, ideas, and information in books.
- ✓ Celebrate your child's efforts and growth!

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