Guide Instruction
Using Focused Test Results

Reading Assessment and Instruction: GRADE

Pearson’s complementary solutions enable educators to enrich student learning through meaningful assessment data, frequent feedback, and actionable results.

Assessment is the key to instruction and intervention. It helps educators understand students’ performance, determine if they are meeting expectations, and provide students with necessary instruction and intervention.

GRADE™ (Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation) is a normative diagnostic reading assessment that determines what developmental skills students from PreK-12 have mastered and where they need instruction or intervention. With correlated follow-up instruction, GRADE offers a total solution for reading assessment and instruction.

Based on scientific research, GRADE provides the components educators need to accurately and efficiently assess reading competencies.

GRADE recognizes that learning to read is not a singular, one-dimensional process. As students learn to read, they progress through a series of benchmarks, each representing different kinds of learning tasks. Each GRADE subtest allows educators to assess student progress in achieving these benchmarks and to develop more effective instruction. Using the GRADE assessment to guide instruction will ensure student success while helping deliver Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) gains.

assessment plus intervention:
the complete solution for
off-the-chart success

Why Consider GRADE?

- Eligible for Title I funding
- Addresses special needs of RTI students
- Compliant with the federal Reading First early reading initiative
- Enables timely instructional intervention
Carefully Developed on National Standards

The GRADE assessment was carefully developed to provide a broad sampling of appropriate reading competencies standardized across the nation among:

- 33,000+ students
- Varying ethnicities
- A wide range of socioeconomic groups
- Both genders
- Special needs students
- Regional/national groups

Everything You Need for Accurate Assessment

GRADE provides the components needed to conduct highly reliable, efficient reading assessments:

- Booklets are designed to be student friendly, and some are reusable for increased cost-effectiveness.
- Parallel forms facilitate multiple testing options throughout the school year.
- Scannable Booklets and/or Answer Sheets, available for Levels 1 – Adult, save time with efficient test scoring.
- Teacher’s Administration Manuals provide detailed scripts for giving tests and helpful hints to keep students on task.
- Teacher’s Scoring & Interpretive Manuals include detailed diagnostic information to help plan focused lessons based on test results.
- Technical Manual details the scientific basis of GRADE and the standardization/norming process, providing extra background information for reports to districts and state education agencies.
- Out-of-Level Norms Supplement is available for testing students above or below grade level and determining progress.
- Handscooring Templates simplify the scoring process and ensure accurate scoring of student answer booklets and answer sheets.
- Scoring & Reporting software provides added flexibility and efficiency for scoring large numbers of tests and writing clear, in-depth reports.

By assessing four out of five Early Reading elements—vocabulary, phonemic awareness, phonics, and comprehension—GRADE meets federal Reading First requirements.

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