



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

i-READY DIAGNOSTIC

Universal Screener Technical Support

This guidance is based off of information provided by the vendor, and is provided to assist districts in quickly finding essential information for using this screening instrument to meet the requirements of the Reading Sufficiency act (RSA). Specific questions about the assessment should be directed to the vendor.

August 2022



Contact Information

Name:	Craig Walker
Phone:	405.834.1047
Email:	cwalker@cainc.com
Website:	www.curriculumassociates.com

General Information for Administration

Group size:	Group
Method:	Assessment is administered online
Assessment Type:	Adaptive assessment

The online i-Ready Diagnostic is untimed, so students may spend as long as they need on each question. Testing time does not impact their score. As i-Ready saves each student’s place upon exiting, the vendor recommends multiple testing sessions. Recommendations and median testing times for each grade level are shown below. Times are provided by the publisher.

Grade Level	Median number of minutes	Recommended sessions to schedule
Kindergarten	26 minutes	Three 20-minute sessions
1 st grade	31 minutes	Two 20-minutes sessions
2 nd grade	35 minutes	Two 40-minute sessions
3 rd grade	50 minutes	Two 40-minute sessions

Administration Instructions

See the *Teacher Success Guide* at <https://i-readycentral.com/pdfs/i-ready-success-guide-for-teachers/> for step-by-step instructions for administering the *i-Ready Diagnostic*.

Remote Testing Guidance

Guidance for conducting i-Ready Diagnostic assessments remotely can be found here: <https://i-Readycentral.com/articles/assessing-at-home-support>



Assessment Information

Intuitive reports from [*i-Ready Diagnostic*](#) and [*i-Ready Standards Mastery*](#) offer the most accurate data possible by identifying each student's strengths and learning priorities. Teachers use this data to make informed decisions about whole class, small group, or individual instruction, while administrators can use it to set intervention strategies and inform resource allocation decisions.

i-Ready Diagnostic follows a continuum of learning that, research indicates, is predictive of later reading success. Skills build upon skills, and the sequence of subtests builds upon prior subtests. As skills of lower-level difficulty are eliminated from the test battery, more difficult skills that rely on achievement of the prior skills are added.

Because i-Ready Diagnostic incorporates computer-adaptive algorithms, students are administered items of increasing difficulty until either an appropriate level of ability is established or it is determined through other higher-level subtests that skill mastery has been achieved. Thus, defaults are only a starting point. Once i-Ready Diagnostic calibrates to the performance ability of a particular student, each subsequent test relies on the previous calibrations to determine with which items to begin subsequent administrations.



Reading Skills Assessed in i-Ready (K-3)	
Grade K-2	Grade 3
Foundational Skills	
<p>Phonological Awareness (Gr. K-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhyme Recognition • Syllable Blending and Segmenting • Onset and Rime Blending and Segmenting • Phoneme Identification, Isolation, & Pronunciation • Phoneme Blending and Segmentation • Phoneme Addition and Substitution <p>Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabetic Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter Recognition ○ Letter–Sound Correspondence • Sound-Spellings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short and Long Vowels ○ R-Controlled Vowels ○ Digraphs and Diphthongs ○ Vowel Patterns ○ Silent Letters • Decoding One-Syllable Words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sound-by-Sound Blending ○ Beginning and Ending Blends • Decoding Multi-Syllable Words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multi-Syllable Decoding Strategies ○ Inflectional Endings ○ Words with Prefixes ○ Words with Suffixes <p>High-Frequency Words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words from Zeno, Dolch, and Fry lists 	<p>Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decoding/Building/Sorting Multi-Syllable Words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multi-Syllable Decoding Strategies ○ Types of Syllables ○ Words with Prefixes ○ Words with Suffixes ○ Irregularly Spelled Words
Vocabulary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand General Academic and Domain-Specific Vocabulary • Identify Word Relationships (Synonyms/Antonyms) • Sort Images That Represent Words into Conceptual Categories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand General Academic and Domain-Specific Vocabulary • Determine Word Meaning Using Base Words and Affixes • Use a Glossary to Determine/ Clarify Word Meaning • Understand Word Families • Analyze Word Relationships



Reading Skills Assessed in i-Ready (K-3)	
Grade K-2	Grade 3
Comprehension: Informational Text	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask/Answer Questions about Key Details • Identify the Main Topic or Main Idea • Identify Reasons That Support Specific Points • Recount or Retell Text • Determine Word Meanings • Connect Words and Pictures/Explain How Images Support Text • Use Text Features • Describe Connections between Ideas, Events, and Procedures • Identify Author’s Purpose • Compare and Contrast Key Details within and between Two Texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Questions about Key Ideas • Identify Main Idea/Key Details • Cite Textual Evidence • Make Inferences • Retell or Summarize Text • Demonstrate Understanding of Unfamiliar Words • Describe or Analyze Relationships between Ideas and Events in Scientific, Historical, and Technical Texts • Demonstrate Understanding of Unfamiliar Words • Identify or Analyze Author’s Point of View or Purpose • Evaluate Arguments • Connect Text and Visuals • Use or Interpret Text Features • Compare Author’s Point of View in Two Texts • Analyze and Compare Text Structures within One Text or between Two Texts • Find and Integrate Information from Multiple Sources
Comprehension: Literature	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask/Answer Questions about Stories • Identify/Describe Characters, Setting, Events • Describe Parts of a Story • Recount Stories • Determine Word Meanings • Identify Sensory Words/ Phrases • Describe How Authors Use Words/Sounds in Special Ways (e.g., alliteration) • Connect Words and Pictures • Determine Central Message • Identify Point of View • Compare and Contrast Story Elements within One Story or between Two Stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Questions about Stories • Make Inferences • Cite Textual Evidence • Determine Theme/Central Message of a Story/Poem • Recount or Summarize Story Events • Understand/Describe Characters, Settings, Events • Interpret Figurative Language • Determine Point of View in a Story • Connect Words and Pictures • Analyze Structure and Elements of Stories/Plays/Poems • Compare and Contrast Stories (e.g., by Same Author, in Same Genre, Similar Topics/Themes) • Interpret Allusions • Summarize Text



Accommodations

Approved accommodations are those accommodations that are unlikely to change how the assessment functions. There are traditionally embedded designated supports available universally to students in i-Ready, requiring no further configuration by educators.

English Learners

i-Ready Diagnostic is currently available in English only.

Grade Level Targets

The following descriptors are provided by Curriculum Associates to assist in interpreting student scores. For more in-depth explanation, please refer to the i-Ready Diagnostic Technical Manual provided by the publisher.

Benchmarks are the minimum performance levels students are expected to reach by certain points of the year in order to meet end-of-year performance goals. The end-of-year benchmark typically represents the minimum level of performance required by state or local standards. Benchmarks are always grade specific, e.g., the 3rd grade benchmark.

A cut score is used to determine which students may need additional assistance to move toward the end-of-year benchmark.

- Below 10 – urgent intervention
- Below 25 – intervention
- At/above 40 – benchmark

First, second, or third grade students who meet the end-of-year third grade-level target score are eligible for promotion to fourth grade. **For i-Ready Diagnostic, students must have a composite score of 522 to meet this option.** According to state statute 70 O.S. § 1210.508C(1)(1), “after a student has demonstrated proficiency through a screening instrument, the district shall provide notification to the parent or guardian of the student that they have satisfied the requirements of the Reading Sufficiency Act and will not be subject to retention.”

The scores listed on the following chart are the Reading Composite Scores determined by the required assessments listed above. The composite scores listed in the table reflect the grade-level target scores. **Students scoring below the At Benchmark Score are considered at-risk for not meeting grade level reading expectations, and should be placed on an Individualized Program of Reading Instruction (IPRI).**

Technical Guidance for RSA Universal Screener i-Ready Diagnostic – Curriculum Associates



		Beginning of Year	Middle of Year	End of Year
Kinder	Well Below Benchmark	309	328	344
	Below Benchmark	326	348	371
	At Benchmark	336	362	390
1 st grade	Well Below Benchmark	347	371	390
	Below Benchmark	373	402	417
	At Benchmark	392	415	438
2 nd grade	Well Below Benchmark	393	410	422
	Below Benchmark	420	448	469
	At Benchmark	443	475	492
3 rd grade	Well Below Benchmark	419	437	452
	Below Benchmark	463	485	496
	At Benchmark	488	512	522
4 th grade	Well Below Benchmark	453	472	478
	Below Benchmark	495	514	521
	At Benchmark	520	536	545
5 th grade	Well Below Benchmark	479	493	499
	Below Benchmark	521	534	543
	At Benchmark	545	558	566