

State Board of Education
Read to Achieve Local Alternative Assessments
2015–2016

The following alternative assessments have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) for use by local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools at the LEAs'/charters' expense. Current third graders must use only the alternative assessments and achievement levels that were established by the SBE on September 2, 2015. LEAs/charters must submit documentation to Accountability Services by December 1 of each school year indicating which of these alternative assessments will be used with students. Please note that Reading 3D (mClass), adopted by the SBE to meet the requirements of the Read to Achieve (RTA) program, is administered to all students. Level P is the achievement level for Reading 3D that satisfies the RTA promotion requirement.

| Test Name | Lexile Level Provided | Recommended for 2015–16 | Clarification for 2015–16 End-of-Grade 3 Achievement Level |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Northwest Evaluation System (NWEA) — Measures of Academic Progress | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher (207 scale score) |
| Scholastic Reading Inventory | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher |
| STAR Reading | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher (537 scale score) |
| Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher (Level 9 Test at 71 st Percentile) |
| i-Station Benchmarks | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher ¹ (258 scale score) |
| i-Ready | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher (537 scale score) |
| Case 21 | Yes | Yes – 1 st Benchmark ² Pending – 2 nd Benchmark ³ Pending – 3 rd Benchmark ³ | Lexile Level 725 or higher (24 out of 30 items correct) ² |
| Discovery Education Grade 3 Summative Assessment | Yes | Yes | Lexile Level 725 or higher (1505 scale score) |

¹ Scale score 258 is equal to 720L, which is the closest scale score to 725L.

² Achievement level is only for the 1st benchmark results. A raw score of 24 out of 30 items correct is equal to a 740L, which is the closest raw score to 725L.

³ LEAs/charters must ensure Lexile ranges are provided to the SBE by 4/1/16 for Case 21 Benchmarks that currently do not have a Lexile range.