

State Board of Education
Read to Achieve Local Alternative Assessments
2016–17

The following alternative assessments have been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) for use by local education agencies (LEAs) at the LEAs' expense. Current third graders must use only the alternative assessments and achievement levels that were established by the SBE on September 1, 2016. Charter schools may elect to use an SBE-approved alternative assessment or to use an alternative assessment of reading comprehension that is not on the SBE-approved list at the charters' expense. LEAs/charters must submit documentation to Accountability Services by December 1 of each school year indicating which alternative assessments will be used with students. Please note that LEAs must administer Reading 3D (mClass), adopted by the SBE to meet the requirements of the Read to Achieve (RTA) program, to all students. Level P is the achievement level for Reading 3D that satisfies the RTA promotion requirement.

Test Name	Lexile Level Provided	SBE-Approved for 2016–17	End-of-Grade 3 Achievement Level 2016–17
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)
Discovery Education Grade 3 Summative Assessment	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher (1505 scale score)
Imagine Learning	Yes	Yes	Lexile Level 725 or higher
Case 21	Yes	Yes—1 st Benchmark ² Pending—2 nd Benchmark ³ Pending—3 rd Benchmark ³	Lexile Level 725 or higher (21 out of 30 items correct) ²

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 21 out of 30 items correct is equal to a 735L, which is the closest raw score to a 725L.

³ LEAs must ensure a linking study is completed to determine an achievement level equivalent to a 725 Lexile level or higher. The results must be provided to the SBE by 4/1/17 for those assessments that currently do not have a Lexile level.