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**Opportunities and
Possibilities**

**Star 360:
What is it, why and how we
use it, and interpreting
your student's report**

**Parent Academy
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RCPS: Vision & Mission

The ***Vision*** of RCPS is to be a world-class learning community where all students graduate college and career ready in a progressive and interconnected society.

The ***Mission*** of RCPS is to ensure student success for all through a world-class education with advanced opportunities and personalized support.

Are students learning?

The only way to know whether learning is taking place is to measure it. By doing so, we are able to:

Provide	students with the appropriate level of instruction.
Identify	students who need additional assistance and enrichment.
Analyze	problems occurring within grades or classes, set learning goals, and make plans for meeting those goals.
Determine	whether the instruction and interventions provided are effective.

AGENDA

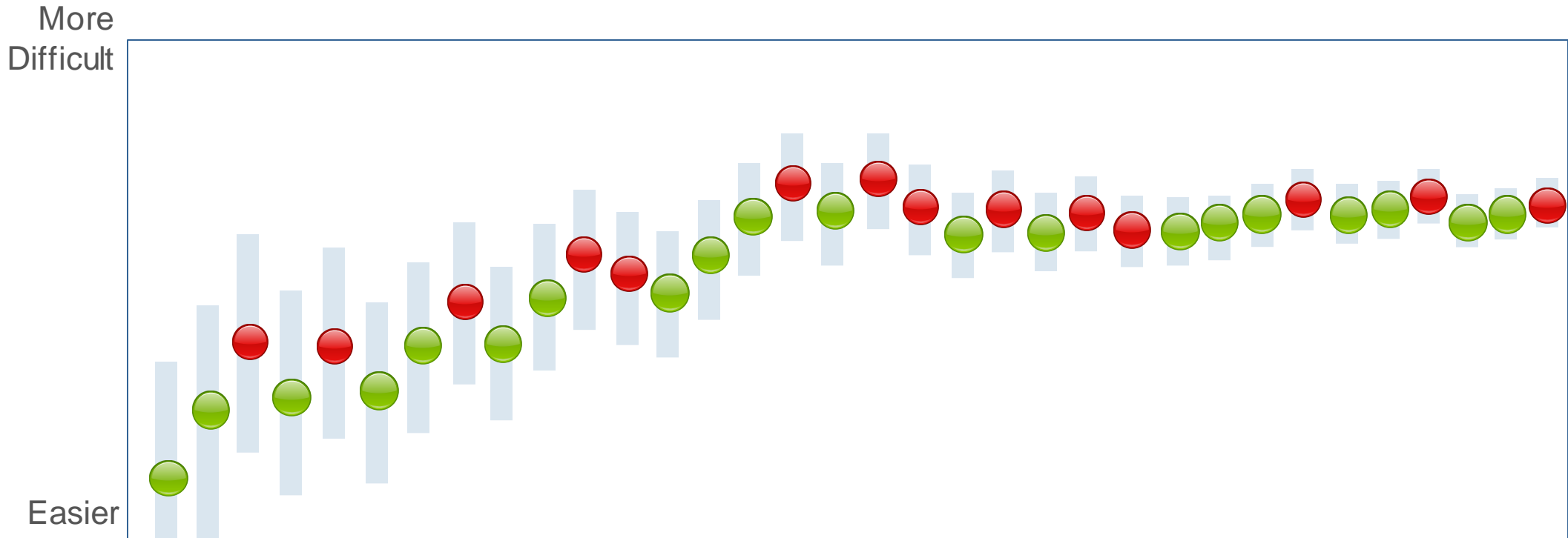
- What are Star Assessments and what do they measure?
- Why do we utilize Star assessments?
- How long does it take to complete a Star assessment?
- What are the questions like?
- What kind of scores does your child receive?
- How are the results used?
- How will you know how your child is performing?
- What are some resources available for me to use as a parent?



What are Star Assessments?

- Star assessments are:
 - short tests that provide teachers with data about learning early literacy skills, reading, and math.
 - computer-adaptive tests, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides
 - If your child answers a question correctly, the next one is more difficult.
 - If he or she answers incorrectly, the next one is easier.
 - Provides educators with quick and accurate estimates of developed skills
- STAR assessments are used for screening and progress-monitoring.
- Star assessments are rated as accurate, reliable, and valid by the National Center on Response to Intervention.


How does computer-adaptive testing work?



Items answered by a student

 Correct Response

 Incorrect Response

 Standard Error of Measurement

What does each assessment measure?



RENAISSANCE
Star Reading[®]

Grades 1–12
Also for students in kindergarten who have basic reading skills

Word Knowledge and Skills
Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning
Analyzing Literary Text
Understanding Author's Craft
Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text



RENAISSANCE
Star Math[®]

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Also for students in kindergarten who have basic reading and math skills

Numbers
Operations
Algebra
Geometry
Measurement
Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability



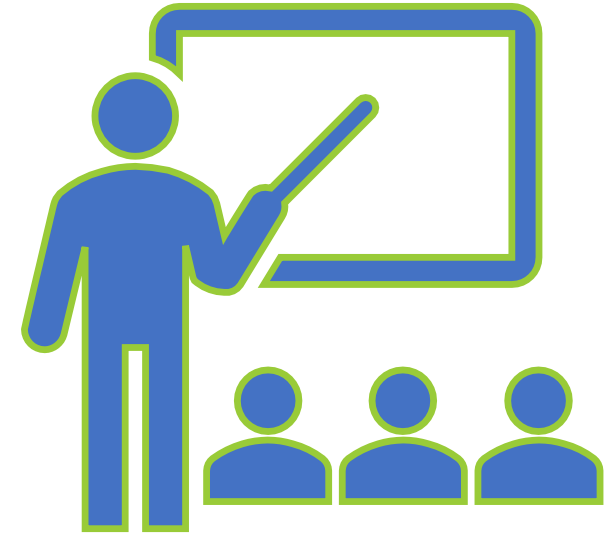
RENAISSANCE
Star Early Literacy[®]

Pre-K–grade 3
For beginning readers who do not yet read independently or need early literacy skills assessed

Alphabetic Principle
Concept of Word
Visual Discrimination
Phonemic Awareness
Phonics
Structural Analysis
Vocabulary
Sentence-Level Comprehension
Paragraph-Level Comprehension
Early Numeracy

Why do we utilize Star Assessments?

- Identify which students are reaching expected benchmarks and which need intervention.
- Identify what skills students are ready to learn.
- Helps to design instruction for students at all levels.
- Monitor growth within the school year and year-to-year.
- Gives teachers an early warning of which students may be at risk of not meeting proficiency requirements.
- Helps to identify trends, patterns, and effectiveness across the district.
- Forecasting state test proficiency.





STAR assessments are designed to be as efficient as possible.



Students should be able to complete test in about 15-20 minutes.



Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) are provided more time if required.

**How long
does it take
to complete
a Star
assessment?**

How will students' results be used?

- Star results are used for one or more of the following reasons:
 - measuring your child's general achievement in reading, math, or early literacy.
 - identifying what skills he or she is ready to learn.
 - helping plan instructional support activities.
 - tracking his or her progress toward academic targets.
 - estimating his or her proficiency on state tests.
 - estimating his or her mastery of standards.

How often is Star administered?

Screening	Progress Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All K-12 Students; 4 times a year• Testing windows are set for the entire district<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> August 24- September 18<input type="checkbox"/> November 30-December 11<input type="checkbox"/> March 1- 12<input type="checkbox"/> May 17-June 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Given to groups of students who are performing below grade level standards• As often as every 3 to 4 weeks• Used to help show if the instructional intervention is helping students to show academic growth

Each test takes approximately 15-20 minutes

What are the questions like?

Star Reading-
Download sample
items

Star Math-
Download sample
items

Star Early
Literacy-
Download sample
items

[Video: Administering Star Assessments Remotely](#)

Sample items

Domain
<p>Alphabetic Principle</p> <p>Covers knowledge of the names and sounds associated with printed letters; the ability to match upper- and lowercase letters; knowledge of alphabetic sequence; and ability to recognize letter sounds.</p>
<p>Concept of Word</p> <p>Covers knowledge of the concepts about print: word length, word borders; distinguishing words from letters.</p>
<p>Visual Discrimination (VS)</p> <p>Focuses on the ability to match or discriminate visually presented symbols; included symbols are upper- and lowercase letters; also included is the ability to distinguish differences in words.</p>










Kindergarten
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>k</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">h k t</p> <p>Pick the letter that makes the sound k...k.</p>
<p>Ducks swim. <u>2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 3 4</p> <p>How many words are in this sentence? Pick the number of words in the sentence.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>fel</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">tell fel tell</p> <p>Look at the three words. Two are the same and one is different. Pick the word that is different.</p>

Leslie curled up in a chair on the porch. She closed her eyes and tuned into her surroundings. She smiled at the familiar sounds of her neighbor rustling his newspaper and the floorboards creaking beneath his rocker. She laughed as the neighborhood boys raced by on their bicycles. The rat-a-tat of the cards pinned to the spokes of their wheels added a beat to the music of the street.

How does the author's use of sensory detail affect the story?

- 1 The sounds help the reader imagine the neighborhood.
- 2 The music is too loud and bothers Leslie.
- 3 The creaking noises give it a mysterious mood.

Domain
<p>Phonemic Awareness</p> <p>Covers the understanding of rhyming words; ability to blend and segment words, word parts, and phonemes; ability to discriminate between sounds, and the ability to identify manipulate phonemes.</p>
<p>Phonics</p> <p>Covers the understanding of long vowels, short vowels, beginning and ending consonants, consonant and vowel replacement, word families (onset and rime), consonant blends, clusters and digraphs; ability to understand the sound-symbol correspondence in vowels and consonants.</p>
<p>Structural Analysis</p> <p>Deals with the understanding of the structure and relationship of words and word parts. Structural analysis includes understanding the meaning of affixes, principles of syllabification, and identifying and decoding compound words.</p>

Kindergarten
   
<p> Listen carefully to what I say: bi-cy-cle. Pick the picture whose name I say: bi-cy-cle, bi-cy-cle.</p>
<p>man</p>   
<p> Which of these words begins with the sound /m/? Pick the word that begins with /m/.</p>
<p>Domain not applicable at Grade K.</p>

Math Example

A baseball team is using a pitching machine for batting practice. The table shows the number of balls the machine can pitch over time.

Number of Pitches, p	24	48	72	96	120	144
Number of Minutes	3	6	9	12	15	18

Which expression can be used to find the number of minutes it takes the machine to pitch p balls?

A $8p$

B $9-p$

C $p+8$

D $\frac{p}{8}$

- 1st – 12th grade
- Audio support for students in grade 1
- 34 items
- Assess skills within four major domains of mathematics
 - Numbers and operations
 - Algebra
 - Geometry and measurement
 - Data analytics, statistics, and probability

Use of calculator

Some algebra and geometry questions will have an on-screen calculator and an on-screen formula reference sheet that you can use to answer the questions.

9/34
Kenneth Dukes
Stop Test

The surface area of a right prism is 250 cm^2 .
 The area of its square base is 25 cm^2 .
 What is the height of the prism?

A
10 cm

B
20 cm

C
8 cm

D
15 cm

0

C	y^n	$x!$	←
√	()	÷
7	8	9	×
4	5	6	-
1	2	3	+
0	.	±	=

Rectangular Prism	$S.A. = 2(lw + wh + hl)$
Right Prism	$S.A. = Ph + 2B$
Cylinder	$2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$ $V = \pi r^2 h$
Cone	$S.A. = \pi r l + \pi r^2$ $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
Pyramid	$S.A. = \frac{pl}{2} + B$ $V = \frac{1}{3}Bh$
Sphere	$S.A. = 4\pi r^2$ $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Student will click or tap the calculator buttons or press the keys on the keyboard to use the calculator. Use the scrollbar on the formula reference sheet to move up and down within it.

What kind of score does your child receive?

Scaled Score (SS)

Star Reading & Star Math
range from 0 - 1400

Star Early Literacy
range from 300-900

The Scaled Score is based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct answers.

Scaled Scores are useful for comparing your child's performance over time and across grade levels.

The Scaled Score is not a pass or fail grade. This score is used to plan instruction.

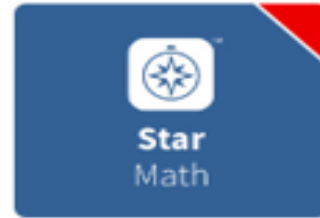


What kind of scores does your child receive?

- The **Percentile Rank** score compares your child's test performance with that of other students across the country in the same grade.
- For example, with a **PR of 50**, your child's math skills are greater than 50% of students nationally in the same grade.
- The **PR Range** indicates that, if your child had taken the STAR test numerous times, most of his/her scores would likely have fallen within this range.

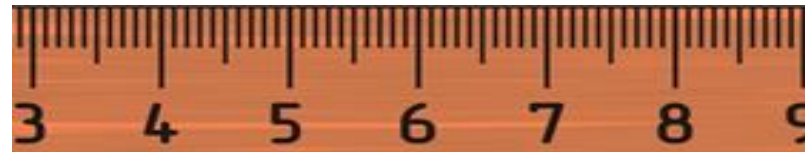
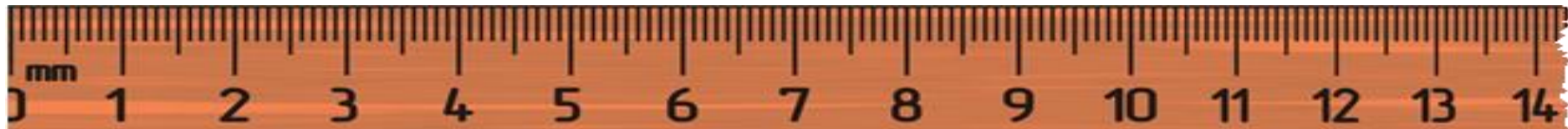
Scaled Score

0 SS



1400 SS

Star Reading and Star Math 0-1400



Star Early Literacy
300-900



How will you know how your child is doing?

- Your child's teacher will share results from the Star assessments through various reports.
- Your child's teacher may also share ways that you can help strengthen skills that are measured by Star tests.

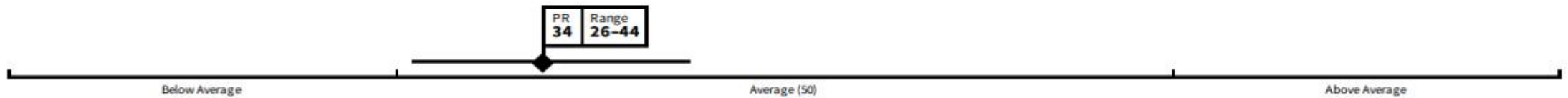


Star Reading Parent Report

School	Teacher	Class	Grade	Test Date
[]				

Dear Parent or Guardian of []

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Scaled Score

[] Score is based on the difficulty of questions and the number of correct responses. The Enterprise scale has a range of 0-1400.

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Percentile Rank

[] skills are higher than 34% of students nationally in the same grade. This score is at average. The PR Range indicates that, if [] had taken the Star Reading test many times, most of his/her scores would likely have been between 26 - 44.

8.2

Instructional Reading Level

IRL is the grade level at which [] is at least 80% proficient recognizing words and comprehending reading materials. [] achieved an IRL score of 8.2, meaning he/she is at least 80% proficient at reading eighth grade level materials.

1105L - 1255L

Lexile® Range

The Lexile® Range spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. [] should be selecting books in this range for optimal growth in reading. This range is approximate. Success at any reading level depends on your child's interest and prior knowledge of a book's content.

I will be using these Star Reading test scores to help [] further develop his/her reading skills for reading practice at school. If you have any questions about your child's scores or these recommendations, please contact me at your convenience.

Teacher Signature

Date

Parent Signature

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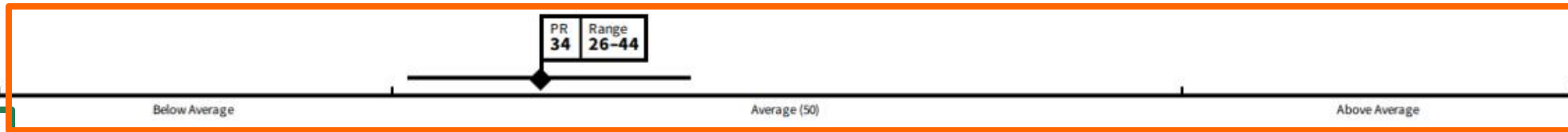
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Lexile measures reading ability

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Star Reading Scale Score Benchmark Expectations

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Lexile® Range

Grade	Beginning Learner	Developing Learner	Proficient Learner	Distinguished Learner
Grade 1	Below 95 SS	95-187 SS	188-301 SS	At/Above 302 SS
Grade 2	Below 244 SS	244-363 SS	364-490 SS	At/Above 491 SS
Grade 3	Below 346 SS	346-478 SS	479-640 SS	At/Above 641 SS
Grade 4	Below 401 SS	401-563 SS	564-843 SS	At/Above 844 SS
Grade 5	Below 463 SS	463-639 SS	640-994 SS	At/Above 995 SS
Grade 6	Below 518 SS	518-721 SS	722-1164 SS	At/Above 1165 SS
Grade 7	Below 563 SS	563-837 SS	838-1296 SS	At/Above 1297 SS
Grade 8	Below 566 SS	566-905 SS	906-1312 SS	At/Above 1313 SS
Grade 9	Below 637 SS	637-970 SS	971-1321 SS	At/Above 1322 SS
Grade 10	Below 649 SS	649-1030 SS	1031-1329 SS	At/Above 1330 SS
Grade 11	Below 683 SS	683-1090 SS	1091-1335 SS	At/Above 1336 SS
Grade 12	Below 717 SS	717-1164 SS	1165-1342 SS	At/Above 1343 SS

Lexile Targets

Grade	College & Career Ready “Stretch” Lexile Bands
1	190L to 530L
2	420L to 650L
3	520L to 820L
4	740L to 940L
5	830L to 1010L
6	925L to 1070L
7	970L to 1120L
8	1010L to 1185L
9	1050L to 1260L
10	1080L to 1335L
11 and 12	1185L to 1385L

- Matches a student’s reading ability with difficulty of text material
- Interpreted as the level of book that a student can read with 75% comprehension
- 75% comprehension is the level identified by experts as offering the reader a certain amount of comfort and yet still offering a challenge

Jobs and Careers related to Lexile Measures

What are the reading demands of the post-secondary world according to Lexile Measures?

Entry-level Occupational Reading Materials - Career Clusters (Daggett, 2003):

- Agriculture/Natural resources (1270-1510)
- Architecture/Construction (1210-1340L)
- Arts/AV Technology/Communications (1100-1190L)
- Business and Administration (1210 – 1310L)
- Education and Training (1320-1370L)
- Health Science (1260-1300L)
- Hospitality and Tourism (1230-1260L)
- Human Services (1050-1200L)
- Law and Public Safety (1420-1740L)
- Manufacturing (1200-1310L)
- Retail/Wholesale Sales and Service (1180-1270L)
- Scientific Research/Engineering (1190-1250L)
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (1170-1350L)

The Lexile Scale



Richard Woods,
Georgia's School Superintendent
"Educating Georgia's Future"
gadoe.org

- Lexiles typically range from 200 for beginning readers to 1700 for advanced readers.
- Lexile text below 200L represents beginning-reading material.
 - A student's Lexile score may have a number in the 100s or the code of BR (for Beginning Reader).
- Applies to both reader ability and text difficulty
 - When reader and text measures are the same, the student is expected to read with 75% comprehension.
- Can be used to track reading growth over time



Nancy Guinn Memorial Library

Register your child for a library card to receive access to thousands of books, videos and services through Georgia **PINES** Library System available at our local library.

<https://conyersrockdalelibrary.org/>

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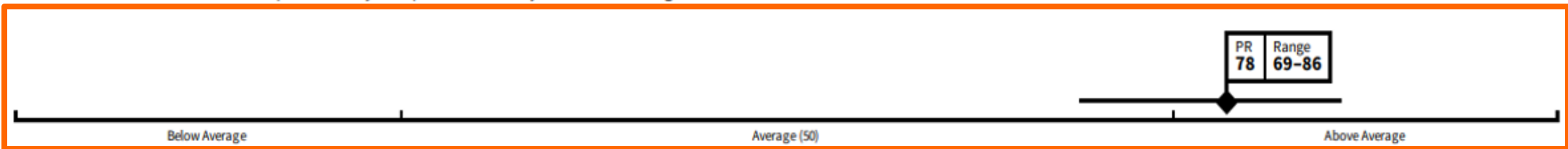
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Grade 5	Below 668 SS	668-778 SS	779-846 SS	At/Above 847 SS
Grade 6	Below 692 SS	692-810 SS	811-891 SS	At/Above 892 SS
Grade 7	Below 713 SS	713-831 SS	832-897 SS	At/Above 898 SS
Grade 8	Below 753 SS	753-866 SS	867-916 SS	At/Above 917 SS
Grade 9	Below 762 SS	762-869 SS	870-917 SS	At/Above 918 SS
Grade 10	Below 765 SS	765-872 SS	873-925 SS	At/Above 926 SS
Grade 11	Below 782 SS	782-889 SS	890-942 SS	At/Above 943 SS
Grade 12	Below 800 SS	800-901 SS	902-951 SS	At/Above 952 SS



Reading

1. Enter your class-level data.

Grade

6

Month

August

Benchmark

National

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[How to interpret this report](#)

[Print this report](#)

[Improve student performance](#)

Math

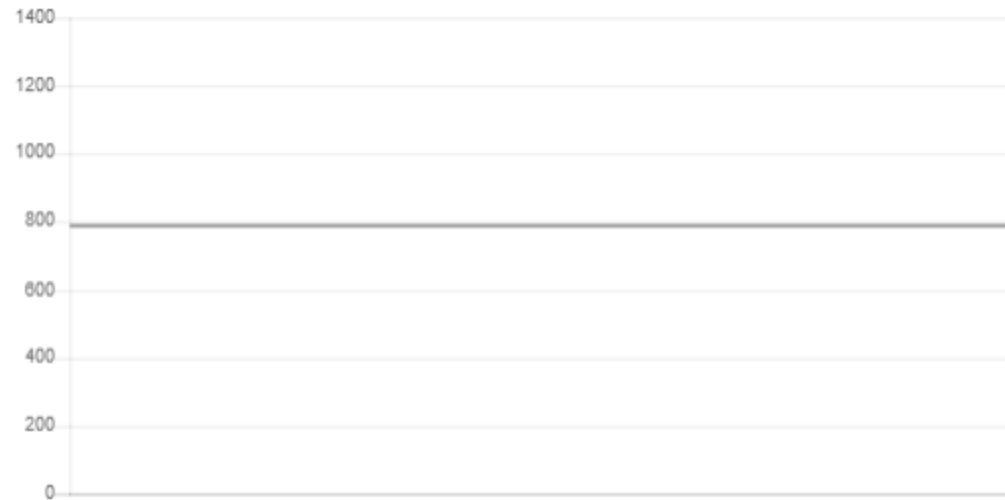
2. Enter each student's Star Math Enterprise scaled score.

You can press the tab key to create a new row.

Data row	Star Math Score	SAT Math	ACT Math
Row 1			
+ Add row		SAT Math	ACT Math

3. Use the blue buttons above to select the data to display in the graph below.

SAT Math: Grade 6, August



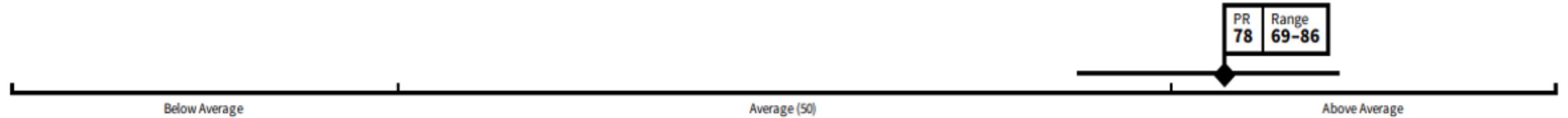


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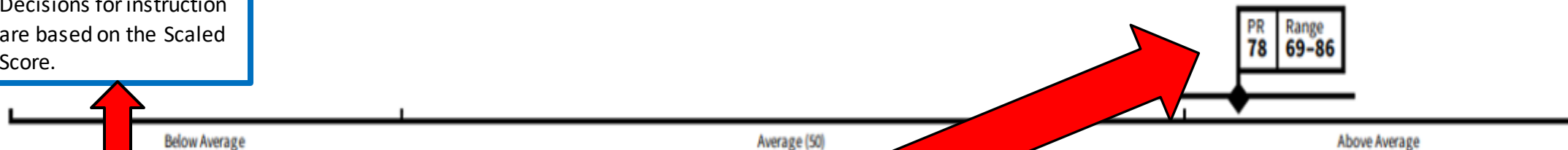
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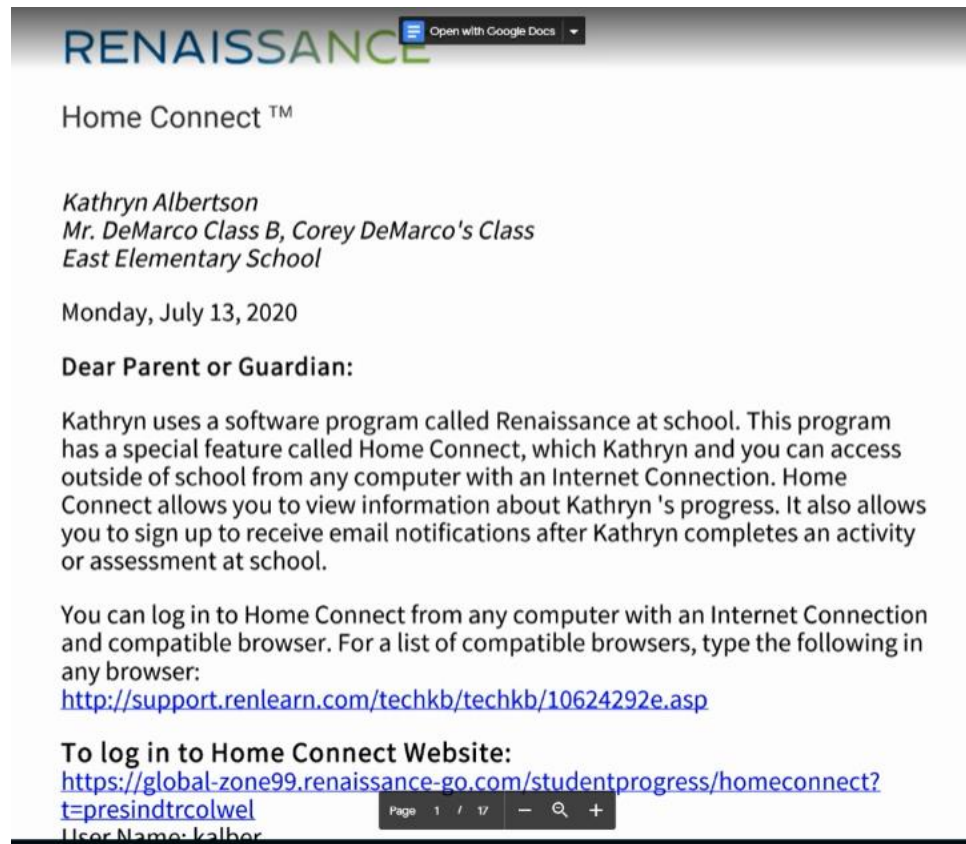
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How will you receive your child's report?



The teacher or school will generate and send you a letter that contains your child's Renaissance information.

Use this information to log in and set up your **Home Connect** account.

[RENAISSANCE HOME CONNECT VIDEO](#)



Setting Up Home Connect Account

Email Notifications

Add up to six email addresses to share [REDACTED] progress

New Email Details

Name

First and Last Name

Email Address to Receive Updates

example@domain.com

Confirm Email Address

example@domain.com

Subscription Language Preference: English Spanish



Email Notifications Preferences

Choose which assignments you would like to receive email updates for [REDACTED]

- Star Early Literacy Assessment (English) — A test that measures students' early literacy skills in English
- Star Early Literacy Assessment (Spanish) — A test that measures students' early literacy skills in Spanish
- Star Math Assessment (English) — A test that measures students' math skills in English
- Star Math Assessment (Spanish) — A test that measures students' math skills in Spanish
- Star Reading Assessment (English) — A test that measures students' reading skills in English
- Star Reading Assessment (Spanish) — A test that measures students' reading skills in Spanish
- Star Custom — Brief tests on specific reading or math skills
- Accelerated Reader — Quizzes to show how well students understand the books they're reading

How will you receive your child's report?

Renaissance Home Connect



Progress



Reading

My Progress



Get Email Updates
Track your child's work

My Goals

My Certifications

My Completed Work

Marking Period:

Q1- 1st Nine Weeks (Current) 8/

Aug 24

Sep 24

Oct 30

[RENAISSANCE HOME CONNECT VIDEO](#)



How can I help my child with their Star Assessments?

The best way to help your child with Star Assessments is to help them understand why they are taking the test:

so their teacher knows exactly how to help them learn!

For anxious children, it may be important to tell them that they cannot fail a Star test—as long as they do their best, the data generated from the test will help their teacher teach them more great things!

To motivate your child to do their best, set goals after reviewing reports.



Resources

- [Renaissance Learning's Parent Resources](#)
- [Lexile Framework for Reading Parent Guide](#)
- [Lexile Find A Book](#)
- [Accelerated Reader Bookfind](#)
- [Parent's Guide to Star Assessments](#)
- [STAR ACT/SAT Benchmark Tool](#)
- [The Conyers Rockdale Library System](#)
- [Georgia PINES Library System Information Page](#)
- [Georgia PINES Library System Registration Page](#)
- Setting Up Home Connect
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Accessing the Find A Book Tool

<http://lexile.com/fab/GA>



Quick Book Search

Title, Author or ISBN

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Find the Right Book for You!

Step 1: Enter Your Lexile

Tell us your Lexile measure, and find books you'd like to read!

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[Looking for Primary Sources?](#)



My Lexile measure is

Lexile

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Lexile Range

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Or

I don't know my Lexile measure

My Current Grade is:

- I find the books I read for school difficult.
- I find the books I read for school just right.
- I find the books I read for school easy.

Current Filters

Lexile Range

Books Measured

209,011

Books updated this month

265,428

Total books measured

Parents Can Use Lexiles



Promotes family-school connections.

Know your child's Lexile measure.

Know your child's Lexile range.

- 50L above and 100L below their reported Lexile measure. This range represents the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading material for your child and the hardest level at which he/she can read successfully.

Use the Lexile Find a Book Database (at <http://lexile.com/fab/>) to find books in the child's Lexile range.

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- Ensure that your child reads every day.
- Parents should read to set a good example. Reading newspapers and magazines will show children that reading is a wonderful pastime as well as a window to the world of learning.
- Ask school or library for book lists within Lexile range.
- Student's interests should play a part in book selection.
- Visit public libraries often.
- Participate in summer reading programs.

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When a reading assignment proves to be too difficult, provide adult-directed assistance:

- Review words and definitions from the glossary or dictionary.
- Review questions at the end of a chapter before child reads text.
- Pair-share read – Parent and student alternate reading the text. Stop, discuss, and ask questions along the way to see that student understands.
- Return to end of chapter questions and glossary to make certain your child understands the material.

Celebrate your child's reading accomplishments.

- Set goals –
 - number of books read
 - variety of books
 - stretch to books at higher Lexile



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Questions?



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**Opportunities and
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Star 360: What is it, why and how we use it, and interpreting your student's report

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