What is a Lexile?

Decatur County School System
For Parents
2015-2016
• A Lexile is a standard score that matches a student’s reading ability with difficulty of text material.
• A Lexile can be interpreted as the level of book that a student can read with 75% comprehension. Experts have identified 75% comprehension level as offering the reader a certain amount of comfort and yet still offering a challenge.

**What is a Lexile?**
• The Lexile Framework Map shows a Lexile score for a student ranges between 200 and 1700.
• Some reading materials and readers do have a Lexile below 200 and may have a code of BR for beginning reader.

What is the range for a student Lexile?
Where do I find my student’s Lexile?

• You will find the Lexile score on the 2013-2014 individual student reports for either the CRCT in reading, the CRCT-M in reading or the EOCT in Ninth Grade Literature and Composition or American Literature and Composition.
• Lexile information will be reported in a very similar manner on the Milestones reports (2014-15 scores to be released October 2015)
What does my student’s Lexile score tell me about his or her reading ability compared to other students in Georgia?

Lexile Targets by grade level are shown below.

College and Career Readiness (CCRPI) target – goal for grade level based on CRCT/EOCT measures

Stretch band lower and upper limits shows a range in which a student may fall within the specified grade level

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Now that I know my student’s Lexile range, what do I do with it?

• To calculate your student’s Lexile range, add 50 to the student’s reported Lexile score and subtract 100.
• The range represents the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading material for your student and the hardest level at which he/she can read successfully.
• Select reading material within that Lexile range.
• Also consider your child’s interest in topics and favorite authors as well as the age-appropriateness of the book’s content.

Now that I know my student’s Lexile score, what do I do with it?
• Students in grades K-6 will have a current Lexile score for the 2015-16 school year from ISTATION.
• Students in grades 7-10 will have a current Lexile score for the 2015-2016 school year from SRI.
• Schools will be sharing this information with students and parents.

Is there anywhere else I can find a current Lexile score for my student?
Where can I find books within my child’s Lexile range?

• AT SCHOOL: Teachers and media specialists will assist students in finding a book within their check out range.
• AT HOME: visit the following sites:
  • How to pick a book
  • How to discuss a book with your student
  • How to improve my reading
    (IF links do not open upon clicking, right click to OPEN HYPERLINK)
• GA Department of Education has additional Lexile information at:
  • http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Lexile-Framework.aspx
  • https://www.georgiastandards.org/Resources/Pages/Tools/LexileFrameworkforReading.aspx
  • Lexile.com (MetaMetrics) website: http://lexile.com/

For more information:
Read every day!