Universal Reading Screeners

2023 – 24 Calculation of Grade 3

Promotion Pathways Composite Score

Background

The administration of a universal reading screener (URS) serves many purposes and is a required assessment in 3rd grade as result of state law and State Board of Education rule. *See* T.C.A. § 49-1-905(c)(1); State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.15(2). This document addresses the URS composite score required as a component of the Pathways to Promotion for students in 3rd grade. *See* T.C.A. § 49-1-3115(a)(2)(A)(vi).

Composite Scores

A composite score is a single score that represents a student's overall performance on one of the seven state board approved universal reading screening assessment suites. Each URS vendor has a method for determining the composite score based on subtests required as part of the suite of assessments provided by the individual vendor. While the generation of composite scores is unique to each vendor, composite scores are reported as national percentiles that are similar in representing a student's performance.

Reporting of Composite Scores

Only composite scores reported to the Tennessee Department of Education (department) by each approved vendor are considered for Pathways to Promotion. Districts must sign data sharing agreements with the approved vendor(s) of their choice to allow vendors to submit these data on their behalf. If no signed data sharing agreement is in place, a vendor is unable to submit data on behalf of the district and no scores, including composite scores, would be reported to the department for the district.

Pathways to Promotion and Appeals

The results of the spring administration of the URS for students in 3rd grade are utilized along with other requirements as a Pathway to Promotion when the student scores at the 50th percentile or above on the TN URS (aimswebPlus). *See* T.C.A. § 49-6-3115(a)(2)(A)(vi).

The results of the spring administration of the URS for students in 3rd grade are utilized along with other requirements as a Ground 1 Appeal when the student scores at the 40th percentile or above on any of the seven (7) state board approved URS vendor assessments pending State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.16(7)(f)(4), which is available on the State Board's website through this link. The highest of the two

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composite scores submitted to the department by the URS vendors will be the score utilized in determining the student's promotion appeals pathway.

Grade 3 Generation of Composite Scores by Vendor

Vendor/Assessment Suite	Subtests Comprising Composite Score	Location and Name of Composite Scores within Vendor Platforms and/or Reports
Pearson/aimswebPlus (TN URS)	Oral Reading Fluency Reading Comprehension Vocabulary	• Benchmark Summary Report • Score Export • Composite scores are provided as "composite."
Curriculum Associates/iReady	iReady Diagnostic	• iReady Diagnostic Results Report • iReady Diagnostic Results Export • Composite scores are provided as "Percentile Ranks."
Renaissance/STAR Assessment Suite	STAR Reading	• STAR Record Book • Screening Report • Composite scores are provided as "scaled score" or "ss."
Illuminate/FastBridge Suite: FAST	aReading	• Group Growth Report • Composite scores are provided as "observed" score.
Amplify/DIBELS	Oral Reading Fluency MAZE	• Detailed Benchmark Report • Composite scores are provided as "composite."
NWEA MAP/MAP Suite	MAP Growth Reading 2-5: Outcome Overall RIT	• Class Profile Report • Student Profile Report • School Profile Report, Single Term Achievement • Composite scores are provided as "RIT" scores.
Riverside/easyCBM	General Outcome Measure: Passage Reading Fluency Proficient Reading Vocabulary	• Composite scores are the average of the passage reading fluency percentile score, the proficient reading percentile score, and the vocabulary percentile score.

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