



Colorado READ Act – Interim Assessments – Cut Scores for Grade Level Reading Competency

DRA2 Book Level Cut Points, Grades K-3

The following chart provides the DRA2 levels (cut points) a student should be reading independently at to be considered proficient by the end of the school year. Spring cut points were chosen for each grade level to ensure students reading on-level at the beginning of the year (fall) do not require any further testing throughout the school year. For example, if a Kindergarten student is assessed with the DRA2 in the fall and is reading at a DRA level 3, they would be considered proficient for the remainder of the school year.

Grade (fall/mid-year/spring)	Proficient/Independent
Kindergarten	3
1 st Grade	16
2 nd Grade	28
3 rd Grade	38

Note: Students would have to score as Independent on both Fluency and Comprehension; the total scores do not include the Reading Engagement score.

For purposes of establishing cut points, consider the following general description of a proficient/independent reader: These students have for the most part control of the necessary strategies to decode, comprehend, and respond to prompts and questions for the text level assessed.

Questions/Support

If you have any questions or concerns regarding DRA2, please contact customer support at 800-848-9500.

For further information regarding DRA2 research/validity, please reference the DRA2 technical manual: http://assets.pearsonschool.com/asset_mgr/current/20139/DRA2_Technical_Manual_2012.pdf.