

Lexile Overview

The Lexile Framework for Reading

The Lexile Framework for Reading measures reading ability and text complexity on the same scale.

What is a Lexile Measure?

There are two Lexile® measures: the Lexile reader measure and the Lexile text measure. A Lexile reader measure represents a person's reading ability on the Lexile scale. A Lexile text measure represents a text's difficulty level on the Lexile scale. Lexile measures are expressed as numeric measures followed by a "L" (for example, 850L), and represent a position on the Lexile scale. When used together, Lexile measures help a reader choose a book or other reading material that is at an ideal difficulty to spur reading growth.

Today, Lexile measures are recognized as one of the most widely used reading metrics. Lexile measures connect learners of all ages with resources at the right level of challenge and monitor their progress toward state and national learning standards. Lexile measures range from below 200L for beginning readers and text to above 1600L for advanced readers and text.

Lexile Measures in North Dakota

Students will receive a Lexile measure from the NDSA for ELA. Click [here](#) to view a score report sample containing Lexile measure information.

Additional reading tests and instructional programs have the ability to report students' performance in terms of Lexile measures. Click [here](#) to access a list of assessments, by assessment type, which provide student Lexile measures.

Using Lexile Measures to Assess College and Career Readiness

An important factor for readiness is a student's ability to read and understand texts of steadily increasing complexity as they progress through school. The Lexile Framework provides valuable insights into student readiness by measuring both the complexity of college and career texts and a student's ability to comprehend these texts.

For questions or more information on Lexile measures, contact the ND Department of Public Instruction at 701-328-2224