

Oral Reading Fluency Normative Performance Chart for Grades 1 and 2

Use this chart to gauge your children’s current reading fluency and to set goals.

Oral Reading Fluency is the combination of a child’s reading accuracy and rate. It is expressed as words correct per minute or WCPM. Generally, children reading at the 50th percentile in fluency have good reading comprehension of grade-level texts. Those who fall just under the 50th percentile will need extra support. Those who fall significantly below the 50th percentile will need intervention.

The Oral Reading Fluency Normative Performance Chart displays the norms for Oral Reading Fluency. The norms are updated at the beginning, middle, and end of each year. These norms are from an electronic aggregation of students in schools using AIMSweb Benchmark Reading Assessment Passages.

For further information and for updated norms for each assessment period in the school year, visit www.edformation.com.

Grade	Percentile	Beginning of Year WCPM	Middle of Year WCPM	End of Year WCPM
1	90	0*	60	103
	75	0*	37	77
	50	0*	21	52
	25	0*	12	33
	10	0*	7	20
2	90	95	125	140
	75	71	100	117
	50	49	76	94
	25	27	52	70
	10	15	30	49

* Assessment of children’s Oral Reading Fluency should not begin until the middle of the year, Grade 1.