

Survey-Level Assessment

Survey-Level Assessment is a set of general principles, which you should not consider strict rules, for testing back in grades two and above when students don't reach the goals on ORF Accuracy. Although the process is informed by research, it is not a rigid set of steps. If you have very recently completed universal screening, your survey process doesn't have to include repeating the grade-level screening measures you just gave. On the other hand, you might choose to repeat the screening assessments as a way to validate (confirm or deny) the results of the screening.

If a student doesn't meet the ORF accuracy goal during screening...

1. Drop back to the prior grade level ORF material and have the student read the three passages.
2. Take the median number of words correct and the median number of errors and calculate the Accuracy percent: Words Correct divided by Total Words times 100.

Passage	Words Correct Score	Errors Score	Accuracy Percent
1	45	6	
2	36	4	
3	52	5	
Median	45	5	$45 \div 50 (45 + 5) = .9 \times 100 = 90$ percent

*median scores are circled

3. Compare the student's scores to the end-of-year benchmark goals for the grade level that matches the passages for Accuracy, Words Correct, and Retell.
4. If the student scores below or well below benchmark on Accuracy, repeat Steps 1-3.
5. If the student doesn't meet the ORF Accuracy goal in first grade material, give NWF.
6. If the student doesn't meet both NWF goals, give PSF.
7. If the student doesn't meet the PSF goal, give FSF.
8. Where the student meets the goal is mastery level, the level above that is instructional and progress-monitoring level (see Chapter 6 for more on progress monitoring).

The chart on the next page illustrates the steps of surveying back to find the instructional level and progress-monitoring level for a student in third grade using Acadience Reading materials and benchmark goals. Any CBM assessment materials could be used along with the corresponding goals. For this student, grade 2 materials should be used for instruction and progress monitoring.

Grade Level of the Material	Measure	Student's Scores	End of Grade Benchmark Goals	Score Interpretation	Performance Level
3	ORF Accuracy	75	97	Well below benchmark	Frustration
	ORF Words Correct	85	100	Well below benchmark	
	ORF Retell	12	30	Well below benchmark	
2	ORF Accuracy	94%	97%	Below benchmark	Instructional
	ORF Words Correct	60	87	Well below benchmark	
	ORF Retell	20	27	Below benchmark	
1	ORF Accuracy	93%	90%	At Benchmark	Mastery
	ORF Words Correct	55	47	At Benchmark	
	ORF Retell	20	15	At Benchmark	

Examples of Survey-Level Assessment

The following examples illustrate steps of the Survey-Level Assessment process for students in different grades

Grade 6 Example

Jerry is a sixth-grade student who was not reading for meaning due to difficulty with text-reading accuracy and fluency in levels 6, 5, 4, and 3. The student read accurately and fluently enough to understand the text in level 2. Therefore, the student's instruction and progress monitoring would occur with level 3 ORF materials.

Grade Level of the Measure	Median Score			Words Correct End of Year Score Level	Accuracy End of Year Score Level	Performance Level
	WC	Acc	Retell			
6th Grade ORF	45	70%	10	At or Above Benchmark 120	At or Above Benchmark 98%	Frustration
				Below 95 – 119	Below 96 – 97%	
				Well Below 0 – 94	Well Below 0 – 95%	
5th Grade ORF	51	75%	12	At or Above Benchmark 130	At or Above Benchmark 99%	Frustration
				Below 105 – 129	Below 97 – 98%	
				Well Below 0 – 104	Well Below 0 – 96%	
4th Grade ORF	66	75%	15	At or Above Benchmark 115	At or Above Benchmark 98%	Frustration
				Below 95 – 114	Below 95 – 97%	
				Well Below 0 – 94	Well Below 0 – 94%	
3rd Grade ORF	86	90%	20	At or Above Benchmark 100	At or Above Benchmark 97%	Instructional
				Below 80 – 99	Below 94 – 96%	
				Well Below 0 – 79	Well Below 0 – 93%	
2nd Grade ORF	90	98%	30	At or Above Benchmark 87	At or Above Benchmark 97%	Mastery
				Below 65 – 86	Below 93 – 96%	
				Well Below 0 – 64	Well Below 0 – 92%	
1st Grade ORF Assess.				At or Above Benchmark 47	At or Above Benchmark 90%	
				Below 32 – 46	Below 82 – 89%	
				Well Below 0 – 31	Well Below 0 – 81%	
NWF	CLS		WWR	At or Above Benchmark 58	At or Above Benchmark 13	
				Below 47-57	Below 6-12	
				Well Below 0-46	Well Below 0-5	
PSF				At or Above Benchmark 40		
				Below	25-39	
				Well Below	0-24	
FSF				At or Above Benchmark 30		
				Below	20-29	
				Well Below	0-19	

Grade 5 Example

Mickey was a fifth-grade student who had difficulty on the ORF screening assessment. This example shows skipping levels due to using other information about the student's reading skills. The student met the goals in level 1 ORF so the next level, level 2, would be used for instruction and progress monitoring.

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				Below 95 – 119	Below 96 – 97%	
				Well Below 0 – 94	Well Below 0 – 95%	
5th Grade ORF	51	75%	12	At or Above Benchmark 130	At or Above Benchmark 99%	Frustration
				Below 105 – 129	Below 97 – 98%	
				Well Below 0 – 104	Well Below 0 – 96%	
4th Grade ORF				At or Above Benchmark 115	At or Above Benchmark 98%	
				Below 95 – 114	Below 95 – 97%	
				Well Below 0 – 94	Well Below 0 – 94%	
3rd Grade ORF				At or Above Benchmark 100	At or Above Benchmark 97%	
				Below 80 – 99	Below 94 – 96%	
				Well Below 0 – 79	Well Below 0 – 93%	
2nd Grade ORF	35	82%	8	At or Above Benchmark 87	At or Above Benchmark 97%	Instructional
				Below 65 – 86	Below 93 – 96%	
				Well Below 0 – 64	Well Below 0 – 92%	
1st Grade ORF Assess.	56	92%	18	At or Above Benchmark 47	At or Above Benchmark 90%	Mastery
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				Well Below 0 – 31	Well Below 0 – 81%	
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Phil did not meet the ORF accuracy or words correct goals for any of the levels of ORF, so he was given NWF. The student was able to read CVC words accurately and automatically. A diagnostic decoding assessment will uncover which pattern beyond CVC the student needs to learn next, and level 1 ORF can be used for progress monitoring.

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