

# Lexile Levels and Grade Equivalents

Terra Nova gives us a  
Lexile Level!



# What is a Lexile?

- Measure is based on 2 strong predictors of how difficult text is to comprehend
  - Word Frequency
  - Sentence Length

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# Grade Equivalents & Lexile Levels

- Grade equivalents are scores based on the performance of students in the test's norming group.
- A student in grade 5 who scores 5.9 on a GE for end of year fifth grade is in the **50<sup>th</sup> percentile** of the students at that age who took the test
- Lexile Levels are fundamentally different than Grade Equivalents.

# Lexile Levels

- The Lexile measure represents a student's level on a developmental scale of reading ability-the Lexile Scale.
- The Lexile is a measure against a standard, whereas a Grade Equivalent is measured against performance of a norm group



# Grade Equivalents...

- Should *not* be interpreted literally, but are rough estimates of grade level AVERAGE performance.
- Just because a student scores 7.9 on a fourth grade reading test, it should not be assumed that she has mastered 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading material

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# Approximate Lexile Levels

Grade Band	Old Lexile Level	Lexile Level Aligned to the CCLS Expectations
K-1		
2-3	450-725	450-790
4-5	645-845	770-980
6-8	860-1010	955-1155
9-10	960-1115	1080-1305
11-Career College Ready	1070-1220	1215-1355

# How Does Lexile Compare to DIBELS?

Research in 2007 compared 500-600 students per grade K-3 from the states of Florida and West Virginia

Students were administered the DIBELS ORF and a Lexile Linking test

*\* This research is not referring to DIBELS Next that we used this year.*

# How Does Lexile Compare to DIBELS?

- Grade 1

DIBELS Score	Lexile Score
0-47	Beginning Reader
53	50L
59	100L
71	200L
83	300L
94	400L
110	530L



# How Does Lexile Compare to DIBELS?

- Grade 2

DIBELS Score	Lexile Score
32	50L
53	200L
73	350L
87	450L
101	550L
114	650L

# Compare Lexile and AR Levels

- We have to remember that the Lexile Level is the standard we are using to project whether or not our students can meet the reading demands of The Common Core.
- It is wise to make sure your students know their approximate Lexile level and take this into account when searching for books
- See the next slide

Lexile Levels

<http://lexile.com/fab>

AR Book Find

[http://www.arbookfind.com/  
default.aspx](http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx)

# Students Need to Know...

*where they are* in their  
journey-to get where  
they need to GROW.

