

DRA: Developmental Reading Assessment

The DRA is conducted in a one-on-one reading conference as children read aloud a specially selected assessment text. The assessment itself is a complicated set of rubrics and scales that become more comprehensive with each advancing reading level, but it is based on simple assumptions about good reading habits. It assumes that all good readers:

1. select materials at their reading level and improve each time they read
2. read and sustain reading for longer periods of time
3. preview before reading and make predictions about what happen
4. read aloud smoothly and quickly
5. use a variety of strategies
6. read for meaning



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- The DRA enables CBPS teachers and specialists to monitor changes in reading ability over time.
 - The DRA tests and gives students scores in the areas of:
 - a. Previewing & Predicting**
 - b. Comprehension (Rubric)**
 1. Very little comprehension
6 - 9 – **Intervention level**
 2. Some comprehension
10 - 15 -- **Optional intervention**
 3. Adequate comprehension
16 - 21 -- **Needs no intervention**
 4. Very good comprehension
22 - 24
 - c. Accuracy rate**
 1. Frustration 89% and less -- **Intervention level**
 2. Extra Help 90 - 94% -- **Optional intervention**
 3. Instructional 95 - 98% -- **Needs no intervention**
 4. Independent 99 - 100%
 - d. Fluency (Rubric)**
 1. 1 - 2 -- **Intervention level**
 2. 3 - 4 -- **Needs no intervention**

Cherry Brook uses the following chart to analyze students' reading ability, to determine tutoring needs, and to track the students' and the classes' progress over time. While the DRA is recommended by the State and is used at CBPS, the timing of the assessment has been changed from the State's recommendation to meet the CBPS community's needs.

	October			March			June		
Grade	Remedial Level CBPS	Intervention Level CBPS	Goal Level CBPS	Remedial Level CBPS	Intervention Level CBPS	Goal Level CBPS	Remedial Level CBPS	Intervention Level CBPS	Goal Level CBPS
K						2 & above			4 & above
1	4 & below	Below 6	6 & above	8 & below	Below 12	12 & above	10 & below	Below 18	18 & above
2	16 & below	Below 20	20 & above	18 & below	Below 24	24 & above	20 & below	Below 28	28 & above
3	24 & below	Below 30	30 & above	28 & below	Below 34	34 & above	30 & below	Below 38	38 & above