

Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Instructional Reading Level Expectations 2012-2013*

	Beginning of Year	1 st Interval of Year (Nov.- Dec.)	MPLS Winter Reporting Period	2 nd Interval of Year (Feb.-Mar.)	End of Year (May-June)
Grade K		C+	D	D+	E+
		B	B+	C	D
		A	A+	B	C
					Below A
Grade 1	E+	G+	H	I+	K+
	D	F	G	H	J
	C	E	F	G	I
	Below C	Below E	Below F	Below G	Below I
Grade 2	K+	L+	M	M+	N+
	J	K	K+	L	M
	I	J	J+	K	N
	Below H	Below I	Below J	Below K	Below L
Grade 3	N+	O+	O+	P+	Q+
	M	N	N+	O	P
	L	M	M+	N	O
	Below L	Below M	Below M	Below N	Below O
Grade 4	Q+	R+	R+	S+	T+
	P	Q	Q+	R	S
	O	P	P+	Q	R
	Below O	Below P	Below P	Below Q	Below R
Grade 5	T+	U+	U+	V+	W+
	S	T	T+	U	V
	R	S	S+	T	U
	Below R	Below S	Below S	Below T	Below U
Grade 6	W+	X+	X+	Y+	Z
	V	W	W+	X	Y
	U	V	V+	W	X
	Below U	Below V	Below V	Below W	Below X
Grade 7	Z	Z	Z+	Z+	Z
	Y	Y	Y+	Z	Y
	X	X	Y	Y	X
	Below X	Below X	Below Y	Below Y	Below X
Grade 8	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+	Z+
	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Below Y	Below Y	Below Y	Below Y	Below Y

*Over the recent years increased literacy opportunities have enabled many students to notice more about how print works. Literacy opportunities include television, technology and more preschool, daycare and community experiences. Our examination of data on thousands of students entering and exiting grade one, have shown an increase in the average text reading level. Slowly, the average instructional reading level has increased from level C to D. The exit data on grade one students show an average reading level of J. This finding is supported by the data collected on random sample grade one students in Reading Recovery schools nationally over the last three years. As a result of these increased averages, students not reading at instructional level D on entry to grade one are in the lowest achievement group and students not reading at level J are in the lowest group on entry to grade 2. As a result of the data, we have adjusted our charts on Instructional Level Expectations to indicate as a goal level D at the end of kindergarten and level J at the end of grade one.

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