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I have been receiving a number of questions regarding the Lexiles, FSP, and Reading Levels generated by the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading. I am not an expert in these areas, so I asked that the experts post some information for you in addition to the information that was already available.

At <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/index.htm>, resources have been posted to answer the following questions:

- What does the Lexile Measure mean?
- Lexile Measures and Grade Levels
- FAIR: K-2 Score Types
- FAIR: 3-12 Score Types
- Why do FAIR Lexiles differ from other tests' Lexiles?
- Lexile: Why Do Scores Change?
- Lexile: Managing Multiple Measures

To view these resources, click on the “Administrator/Coach Resources” link. I think that these resources will help explain the differing Lexile Scores.

In regards to the calculation of the Probability of Reading Success (PRS) and the FCAT Success Probability (FSP), please go to <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/index.htm> and click the “Researcher Resources” link.

In grades K-2, you may see a passage number written as 1.5. This does not mean grade 1 fifth month. There are six first grade passages with each higher numbered passage being more difficult than the one before. It is expected that for AP1, a first grade student should be reading passage 1.1 with 95% accuracy and answering 4 of the 5 questions correctly. For Assessment Period 2, the target passage is passage 1.4. Please see <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/Target%20Passage-1&2.pdf>.

Questions about the scores should not be directed to the PMRN Help Desk. The Support Specialists are able to assist you with the operation of the PMRN, but not the science behind the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading. Please E-mail your questions to FAIRhelp@fcrr.org.

I trust that these resources will be beneficial. Please do not forget about the PMRN Users Guide located at http://www.fcrr.org/pmrn/v3_guides/index.htm.