



What Is the KAP Grade 2 Reading Assessment?

The KAP Grade 2 Reading Assessment measures both foundational reading skills and early reading comprehension. It's designed to support students as they move from learning to read in the early grades to reading to learn in later grades. This assessment is available during the KAP Summative window. It is designed to be given in two, 25-minute sessions.

Why This Assessment Matters

This optional assessment helps schools, teachers, and families understand whether students have developed the early literacy foundations needed for success with grade level reading. Results indicate whether students can access text with enough automaticity to focus on meaning, setting the stage for strong comprehension in later grades.

Beyond providing an overall reading snapshot, the assessment:

- Identifies specific skill areas students may need to strengthen before third grade
- Prepares third grade teachers with immediate access to incoming students' reading data
- Supports smoother instructional planning at the start of the school year

How Schools Benefit

Schools that administer the Grade 2 Reading Assessment gain actionable information that can be used to:

- **Identify gaps in foundational literacy skills** early enough for meaningful intervention
- **Monitor trends** in early literacy across classrooms, grade levels, schools, or districts
- **Ensure preparedness for grade 3 reading expectations**, where comprehension demands increase

New this year: Enhanced Kite reporting tools make it even easier to analyze student strengths and areas for growth, supporting more efficient instructional decisions.

A Bridge Between Early Skills and Later Reading

This assessment fills the gap between PK–2 literacy screeners (which focus on individual skills) and the Grade 3 KAP Reading Assessment (which measures comprehension of grade level text). It helps educators see whether students' early reading instruction has prepared them for the more complex reading tasks they will encounter in grade 3 and beyond

To participate, contact your system's assessment coordinator

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