

South Carolina Department of Education

DRA2+ Assessment Guidelines

Before Administration of DRA2 Assessment

- Prepare parents and students: send notification to parents regarding the DRA2 assessment.
- Train teachers on how to administer the DRA2+.
- Ensure each teacher has the appropriate materials and score sheets.
- Duplicate the blackline masters, from the CD, or from the Blackline master book included in the kit for the levels needed to assess each student in the classroom. Running records will be recorded on the record of oral reading form.
- Teachers should review the Word Analysis tasks and needs to pre-read the Benchmark texts to become familiar with the materials the students will be reading.

During the Administration of DRA2

- Administer the Word Analysis tasks before the Benchmark Assessment.
- Administer all of the following Word Analysis tasks: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The Word Analysis assessment does not have to be completed in one sitting, depending on the student's attention span; however no more than one week should pass before completing the tasks. Each Word Analysis task should only take 2-3 minutes; therefore, assessment of the six tasks would take approximately 15 minutes per student.
- Administer the three dimensions of the Benchmark Assessment: reading engagement, oral reading fluency, and comprehension. If the child omits pertinent information during the Benchmark retelling, the teacher may only use the prompts and questions listed in the Teacher Observation Guide to assist the retelling. The teacher must begin with the "tell me more" prompt. The other prompts may be asked in any order. Teachers must record the prompts utilized and note the number of prompts.
- Use the Benchmark Assessment to determine the student's Independent reading level. By the end of the school year kindergarten students' Independent reading level should be at least a Level 3 and score at least within "gaining control" on Word Analysis tasks.

After Administration of DRA2

- Enter the students' data into the DRA Online Management System (OMS) by the end of the 45th day of the district's school year.