

2023-24 Read to Achieve Alternative Assessment

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Aligned Legislation

General Statute 115C-83.9

Alternative assessment means a valid and reliable standardized assessment of **reading comprehension**, approved by the State Board of Education, that is **not the same** test as the State-approved standardized test of reading comprehension administered to third grade students. The State Board of Education shall provide **the** valid and reliable alternative assessment to local school administrative units upon request and establish achievement level ranges for **the approved** alternative assessment. The State Board of Education shall annually review the alternative assessment to ensure ongoing relevance, validity, and reliability.



RFP Team

Voting Team Members:

- 1 K-12 Literacy Director
- 1 K-12 Curr./ Fed. Programs Director
- 1 Elementary Education Exec. Director
- 1 DPI Early Literacy Asst. Director
- 1 DPI Early Learning Director

Non-Voting Team Members:

- Psychometrician
- Technology
- Data Services
- Security
- Regional Director
- Exceptional Children
- Finance
- Licensure
- Legal
- Procurement
- Project Manager
- Office of Early Learning

RFP Timeline and Process

- RFP Issued 08.17.22
- Evaluation Kick Off Meeting 09.26.22
- Consensus Meeting #1 10.24.22
- Consensus Meeting #2 11.04.22
- Consensus Meeting #3 11.07.22
- Consensus Meeting #4 11.22.22
- Negotiation/Award Recommendation 01.03.23-3.30.23

Outcomes



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Vendor Name: **Renaissance**

Assessment Name: **STAR Reading**

Website: [Star Reading | Renaissance](#)

Note: Assessment is an optional RtA pathway for districts



Star Reading Description

- Direct measure of reading comprehension
- Domains all connect to reading comprehension:
 - ❖ Comprehension strategies and constructing meaning, vocabulary in context, word knowledge and skills, analyzing literary text, understanding author's craft
- Composite (Scaled) Score and Lexile Level
 - ❖ Very highly correlated at 0.997 in Grade 3



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- State Cost: Zero Dollar Contract
- LEA Cost: \$6.64 per student license
- Term: Two (2) years, plus three (3), 1-year optional renewals at the discretion of state

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Next Steps

- Announcement to stakeholders
- Initial collaboration with vendor
- Communicate implementation details
 - Contact Information, Professional Development, Tech Support Plan, Data Collection process*
- Schedule routine planning meetings with the vendor



Next Steps

State contract provides means for data collection to monitor validity, reliability and overall impact aligned with legislative requirements.



Questions

