

Grade Level, Lexile and NWEA/MAP RIT Band Equivalence Charts

MetaMetrics realigned the Lexile bands to support the text complexity that the CCSS require. Working backwards from the level of text students need to be able to handle at the college and career readiness level, they provide a Lexile band for each grade band. These ranges are the level of texts students need to be able to independently engage with as they move through school in order to end up being able to interact with college and career level texts once they graduate.

Grade Band	Current Lexile Band	“Stretch” * Lexile Band
K-1	N/A	N/A
2-3	450L–725L	420L–820L
4-5	645L–845L	740L–1010L
6-8	860L–1010L	925L–1185L
9-10	960L–1115L	1050L–1335L
11-CCR	1070L–1220L	1185L–1385L

The Lexile bands have been updated to include the new ranges or “stretches” for the Common Core State Standards.

Although the expectations around text complexity and Lexile have changed with the CCSS, the correspondence between the Lexile scale and the RIT scale has not changed. What has changed has been a shift in focus on the level of complexity of texts that students need to be able to handle on their own at the end of each grade and by the time they graduate.

Using the Lexile bands from the new research on text complexity from the [Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association](#), the associated RIT bands would be:

Grade Band	“Stretch” Lexile Band	Associated RIT Band
2nd-3rd	420L-820L	190-212
4th-5th	740L-1010L	208-223
6th-8th	925L-1185L	218-232
9th-10th	1050L-1335L	225-241
11th-CCR	1185L-1385L	232-244

Source: The Lexile® Framework for Reading: Text Complexity Grade Bands and Lexile® Bands
<http://www.lexile.com/using-lexile/lexile-measures-and-the-ccssi/text-com-plexity-grade-bands-and-lexile-ranges/>