

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO STAR Early Literacy Enterprise (SELE)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level content and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. Students gain from assessment data because teachers know what students need. Teachers gain from assessment data because they grow as educators to meet the needs of their students.



WHAT IS STAR?

STAR Early Literacy Enterprise (SELE) is administered online in an individual, small group, or whole class setting to Kindergarten through third grade students. **Your child will only be administered this assessment if they score below a certain level on the Developmental Reading Assessment 2 (DRA2).** The main purpose of this test is to confirm your child is reading significantly below grade-level as part of the 30 Day Verification process of the READ Act. It identifies specific areas of strength and need that may exist in your child's literacy development to help teachers create targeted reading interventions (READ Plan). Schools also use SELE to monitor your child's reading progress throughout the year.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

The READ Act 30 Day Verification testing window occurs in the fall only. Schools have the entire window to test the necessary students. **SELE takes 20-40 minutes to complete during one day in the testing window, not during the entire window.** Consult your child's school for his/her specific testing schedule.

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READ Act Grades 1-3 Verification

READ Act Kindergarten Verification Extension



WHAT DOES MY CHILD'S SCORE MEAN?

STAR Early Literacy Enterprise scores show how well your child understands concepts and possesses specific skills that are important in the development of reading. SELE scores represent a snapshot of achievement at a specific point in time and give only one picture of how well your child is doing in school. SELE calculates a Scaled Score (SS), ranging from 300-900, that is used to compare student performance across grade levels. More in-depth information can be found on ARE's website: <http://testing.dpsk12.org/secure/star/STAR%20Early%20Literacy%20Score%20Definitions.pdf>



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

STAR Early Literacy Enterprise is one valuable data point teachers use to guide and modify instruction. SELE scores can be used to identify if your child is ready to begin reading, set reading goals, monitor reading progress, create targeted reading interventions, and decide if your child is in need of additional support in reading.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education and preparation for the SELE assessment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home.

We also encourage you to go to standards.dpsk12.org/assessments to find helpful information, including:

- A Parent's Guide to Technology
- Information for English Learners
- Colorado state resources

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.