

ARM Score

Reading Assistant Metrics

What is the ARM Score?

The ARM score shows how a student's reading compares to other students across the country. ARM is a norm-referenced, holistic measure of a student's reading mastery and incorporates all skills assessed such as oral reading fluency, decoding, and vocabulary.



How to Read an ARM Score

An ARM score has two parts:

1. The number on the left denotes "PEER GRADE" and indicates that this student's reading is typical of national peers at this grade level.

Example: If the score starts with 2, the student is performing at a level typical of the median second grader in the U.S.

2. The number on the right denotes "PEER MONTH" and indicates how this student compares to peers with the same GRADE designation.

Example: If a student's ARM score is 2.4, this indicates they are performing on par with the average second grader nationally in the fourth month of the school year.

What is the ARM Score based on?

The ARM score is a composite measure that combines results from all tasks observed. Each task is weighted based on how well it predicts reading outcomes, with skills like Oral Reading Fluency gaining more influence as students progress to higher grades. Alongside the overall score, subscores highlight performance in key literacy areas such as Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. This adaptive design ensures the ARM score reflects a comprehensive view of a student's reading ability, rather than just isolated tasks.

Why might an ARM score appear different than I might have expected?

The ARM score provides a snapshot of overall performance. It does not indicate that a student has mastered the content or skills of a particular grade level. Instead, the score reflects how a student performed across tasks and represents their reading ability in comparison to national peers in the same grade.

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