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AASA Oral Reading Fluency Test Unit Frequently Asked Questions

1. Please provide an overview of the AASA Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency test unit.

On September 23, 2024, the Arizona State Board of Education approved the operational use of the AASA Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency test passages on the Grade 3 ELA assessment. The AASA Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency test unit will be included in each Grade 3 student's ELA score and in the Move on When Reading (MOWR) indicator.

Each student will read three separate passages, with a time limit of one minute per passage, similar to what is done for other Oral Reading Fluency tools used in schools. Students will first read a practice passage, then they will read the three timed passages in the test. Students must have a recorded response of at least one word for at least one of the passages in the test to receive an Oral Reading Fluency score and therefore, an ELA score. The practice passage will not count in their score and is intended to provide students with an opportunity to practice using the record button before they begin their actual test.

2. Is the Oral Reading Fluency test unit for Grade 3 only?

Yes, only Grade 3 students will participate in the Oral Reading Fluency test unit.

3. Who will score the Oral Reading Fluency test unit?

The Oral Reading Fluency test unit, and all AASA test units, will be scored by Pearson, our vendor for AASA.

4. How is the Oral Reading Fluency test unit administered?

All schools with Grade 3 students, including Computer-Based Testing schools and Paper-Based Testing schools, must administer the Oral Reading Fluency test unit online in TestNav. The online test will be administered in small groups of no more than 6 students testing in a classroom or computer lab environment at one time. It may also be administered in a one-on-one test environment, if preferred.

5. How many students may be tested in a small group at one time?

A maximum of six students may be simultaneously testing in a classroom or a computer lab environment. Please see the [Recommended Seating Arrangements](#) for the Oral Reading Fluency test unit.

6. Please share the headphone and microphone requirements for the Oral Reading Fluency test.

The headphone and microphone requirements can be found in the [Pearson Headphone and Microphone Requirements](#) document. The online Oral Reading Fluency test requires the use of headsets with microphones as the student's voice recording will be captured in TestNav. It is recommended that headsets be unidirectional with noise-cancelling microphones.



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7. Will students receive a score for the Oral Reading Fluency test unit?

The AASA Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency test unit will be included in each Grade 3 student's ELA score and in the Move on When Reading (MOWR) indicator. The scoring for the oral reading passages is based on words correct per minute (WCPM), with the following scale.

- Score point of 0: WCPM 0-19
- Score point of 1: WCPM 20-109
- Score point of 2: WCPM 110 or higher

8. I have students who have speech articulation issues. Are they required to take the Oral Reading Fluency test unit?

Yes, students with speech articulation issues must take the Oral Reading Fluency test unit. Students are not penalized for articulation errors, and Pearson's scoring system is able to accept variations in pronunciation, accent, and dialect. Please refer to the [Accessibility Guidance for the Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency Test Unit](#) for additional guidance.

9. I have students who are fully deaf and/or blind. How will I administer the Oral Reading Fluency test unit to them?

Students who take the Braille or American Sign Language (ASL) form of AASA will not participate in the Oral Reading Fluency test unit. For these test forms, the overall ELA score will be comprised of the ELA Writing and ELA Reading test units. The Move on When Reading (MOWR) indicator will also be reported. Please see the [Accessibility Guidance for the Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency Test Unit](#) for additional guidance.

10. Is there a Sample Test for the Oral Reading Fluency test?

Yes, there is an AASA Oral Reading Fluency Sample Test. All Grade 3 students should be provided multiple opportunities to practice in the sample test so they can become familiar and comfortable with the testing style; how to operate the platform, including starting their own recording and not stopping it too soon; and to be comfortable with wearing the headset to make a clear and concise recording of their reading samples. To access all AASA Sample Tests, including the Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency Sample Test, go to <https://home.testnav.com/>, select "Arizona," then click on "Mic Check and Sample Tests."

Contact ADE's Achievement Assessments team at AASA@azed.gov with any questions.