



TABE GRADE-BASED SCALE SCORE GUIDANCE

To assist programs and agencies that are familiar with TABE Scale Scores in communicating with students, employers, and other partners familiar with grade-based scores, DRC is providing the following TABE Scale Score guidance.

The information below is intended to help programs discuss TABE scores with others not familiar with the TABE Scale Scores. TABE Scale Scores continue to be used to track educational gains under the U.S. Department of Education's National Reporting System (NRS). Other uses of TABE Scale Scores, such as acceptance into a program, hiring, or promotion, are at the discretion of employers or state and local agencies.

Grade-based scores have historically been an unreliable measurement of scores due to the large variance in understanding grade levels based on an individual's personal perceptions. The grade levels and corresponding TABE Scale Score Ranges provided below are intended to be used as a consultative resource and are not valid for measuring educational growth. Grade levels are an estimation based on review of data from High School Equivalency (HSE) performance, national Lexile® and Quantile® alignments, and alignment to College and Career Readiness Standards.

| Grade Level | TABE Reading Scale Score Range | TABE Math Scale Score Range | TABE Language Scale Score Range |
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| 1st | 310–375 | 310–379 | 310–383 |
| 2nd | 376–441 | 380–448 | 384–457 |
| 3rd | 442–461 | 449–464 | 458–475 |
| 4th | 462–480 | 465–480 | 476–493 |
| 5th | 481–500 | 481–495 | 494–510 |
| 6th | 501–518 | 496–516 | 511–528 |
| 7th | 519–535 | 517–536 | 529–546 |
| 8th | 536–549 | 537–556 | 547–559 |
| 9th | 550–562 | 557–576 | 560–572 |
| 10th | 563–575 | 577–595 | 573–583 |
| 11th | 576–596 | 596–626 | 584–607 |
| 12th | 597–616 | 627–656 | 608–630 |
| 12+ | 617–800 | 657–800 | 631–800 |



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