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# Reading Difficulties Risk Screening Selection Panel DRAFT Screener Information Overview

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## General Information

### Screening Instrument Title:

Acadience Reading K–6 with Acadience Reading Español and Acadience Reading Français

### Organization:

Acadience Learning LLC

### Web page:

<https://acadiencelearning.org/acadience-reading/k-grade6/>

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### Recommended grade(s):

* Kindergarten
* Grade one
* Grade two

### Recommended for use with the following student populations:

* General education students
* Students with disabilities
* English learners
* Bi/multilingual learners (English–French; English–Spanish)

### Languages Available:

* English
* French
* Spanish

### Skills Measured (English, Spanish, French):

Key: Y = Approved, NA = Not available, K = Kindergarten, G1 = Grade one, G2 = Grade two

Except for *Other*, the Skills Measured shown in the table above are from California *Education Code* Section 53008 (g)(1)(B).

| **Skills Measured** | **Acadience Task (Required)** | **K** | **G1** | **G2** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| phonological and phonemic awareness | First Sound Fluency | Y | NA | NA |
| phonological and phonemic awareness | Phoneme Segmentation Fluency | Y | Y | NA |
| knowledge of letter names | Letter Naming Fluency | Y | Y | NA |
| decoding skills | Nonsense Word Fluency | Y | Y | Y |
| reading fluency | Oral Reading Fluency | NA | Y | Y |

| **Skills Measured** | **Acadience Task (Additional/Optional)** | **K** | **G1** | **G2** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| rapid automatized naming | RAN | Y | Y | Y |
| vocabulary | Word Use Fluency – Revised | Y | Y | Y |
| other: encoding (spelling) | Spelling | Y | Y | Y |

### Information about establishing student language proficiency to administer screener:

No indication of student language proficiency.

### Supports for students who are not yet proficient with English:

Acadience offers reading assessments in Spanish (Acadience Reading Español) and French (Acadience Reading Français) for multilingual learners, serving as benchmark screening tools and providing instructional support based on students' literacy skills in their first or dominant language. Acadience indicates that students should not be penalized for articulation or dialect differences that are part of their typical speech.

### Accommodations for students with disabilities:

Acadience Reading K–6 includes approved accommodations, such as enlarged materials for visually impaired students or assistive technology for those with hearing impairments, to ensure an accurate assessment of skills without penalizing for articulation or dialect differences. However, it may not be suitable for students who are deaf, learning to read in a language other than English, or have certain severe disabilities.

## Cost Information

### Initial cost for implementing program:

### Three cost methods are available.

Method one: Paper materials only

* Materials cost:
  + One grade-level classroom kit per classroom: $156–$158
  + Assessment manuals for each additional staff member: $29
* License cost:
  + Not applicable

Method two: Paper materials for student; Acadience Learning Online (ALO) for educator

* Materials cost:
  + One grade-level classroom kit per classroom: $156–$158
  + Assessment manuals for each additional staff member: $29
* License cost:
  + ALO Reading Manual Entry license: $3 per student

Method three: Digital for student and educator using ALO

* Materials cost:
* One Student Materials for Digital Administration pack per classroom: $24–$36
* One assessment manual for each additional staff member: $29
* License cost:
  + ALO Reading Digital Administration license: $7.45 per student

### Basic pricing plan and structure:

Refer to methods one, two, and three from previous section: *Initial cost for implementing program*. ALO licenses are annual license types, running from July 1 to June 30 each year. The licenses for the ALO system can be purchased for manual entry of scores or for digital administration, using a touchscreen device. Licenses are purchased for every student who needs to be assessed, regardless of the number of times, and they are non-transferable. Once a student has taken an assessment, that license has been consumed for that year.

### Bulk pricing plan:

Acadience does not offer bulk instrument purchasing.

### Replacement cost per unit for subsequent use:

Method one: Paper materials only

* Materials cost:
  + One grade-level classroom renewal kit per classroom: $109–$138
  + Assessment manuals as needed for new staff: $29
  + Individual/replacement materials are available as needed
* License cost:
  + Not applicable

Method two: Paper materials for student; Acadience Learning Online (ALO) for educator

* Materials cost:
  + One grade-level classroom renewal kit per classroom: $109–$138
  + Assessment manuals as needed for new staff: $29
  + Individual/replacement materials are available as needed
* License cost:
  + ALO Reading Manual Entry license: $3 per student

Method three: Digital for student and educator using ALO

* Materials cost:
  + One Student Materials for Digital Administration pack for each new class/staff: $24–$36
  + One assessment manual as needed for each new staff: $29
* License cost:
* ALO Reading Digital Administration license: $7.45 per student

### Cost required for training:

* Option one:$129 per person for asynchronous workshop
* Option two: $8,000 per workshop delivered live virtually plus materials
* Option three: $10,500 per workshop delivered in-person (travel included) plus materials

### Additional, optional trainings are available and include:

Acadience Reading Data Interpretation (one-day/seven instructional hours training)

* $129 per person for asynchronous workshop (workshop materials included)
* $4,000 per workshop delivered live virtually plus cost of workshop materials
* $6,000 per workshop delivered live in-person (travel included) plus cost of materials

Acadience Reading Mentoring (one-day/six instructional hours training)

* $349 per person plus processing fees for Live Online Event
* $5,000 per workshop delivered live virtually plus cost of workshop materials
* $7,000 per workshop delivered live in-person (travel included) plus cost of materials

## Administration

### Mode:

Digital and paper-based. Students do not access technology directly during testing; they respond to items presented by assessors orally or via printed materials.

**Grouping:**

One-on-one administration. Whole-class administration for Spelling tasks.

### Required technology:

Tablet and internet connection

### Administration time in minutes:

* Kindergarten: three to six-and-a-half minutes
* Grade one: five to eight minutes
* Grade two: six to eight minutes

## Training

### Time required for screener administrator training:

12 hours

### Type of training available for screener administration of the instrument:

The Acadience Reading Essential workshop, a two-day (12-instructional hours) training that is recommended for all assessors, is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the conceptual and empirical foundations of Acadience Reading as well as training in administration and scoring of the measures. This workshop is for teachers, administrators, instructional leaders, and all personnel who will conduct the assessments.

The Essential Workshop is also available for Acadience Reading Español and Acadience Reading Français.

## Scoring

### Scores are calculated:

Manually and automatically (computer-scored)

### Scoring time in minutes:

Manual scoring takes approximately one to one-and-a-half minutes per task.

## Communication and Resources

### Types of resources available for educators, screener administrators, and families:

Acadience Learning Online (ALO) offers a Parent Report that provides information about the reading skills assessed and the individual student results. These reports are updated after each benchmark assessment period (beginning, middle, and end of year) to show student progress over time. Parent Reports are currently available in both English and Spanish.

Additional Training/Resources for educators: Acadience Learning provides a variety of professional development options to meet the needs of individual educators, schools, districts, and boards of education, including asynchronous workshops delivered in Acadience’s online learning platform, My Acadience Training, and synchronous workshops delivered in-person as well as virtually. Available workshops for Acadience Reading include:

* Acadience Reading K–6 Essential
* Acadience Reading K–6 Data Interpretation
* Acadience Reading K–6 Mentoring

The Essential Workshop is also available for Acadience Reading Español and Acadience Reading Français for those who wish to use the language version assessments.

### User interfaces and data management system:

ALO is a progressive web application that offers digital administration and scoring of assessment measures as well as data management and reporting capabilities. Data collected digitally is automatically synced for immediate access. ALO offers dynamic data views supported by filtering options as well as standard report formats. All data views and reports are printable or may be saved electronically as PDF files. ALO offers reporting capabilities at the district, school, class and individual student level. ALO also supports educators who administer the assessment via paper-pencil method by offering manual entry of assessment results.

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