

# Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Running Records

## ***Who takes the Benchmark Running Records?***

Students in grades K-6 are assessed using the Benchmark Running Records to measure oral reading and comprehension skills.

## ***What does the Benchmark Running Records measure?***

Benchmark Running Records determine whether a student is reading on grade level at a particular time in the year. The assessment records specific student reading behaviors in order to target specific instructional strategies for each child. Students read a text aloud as a measure of oral reading skills, then participate in a Comprehension Conversation to determine the student's understanding of the text related to key ideas and details, structure of the text, and integration of knowledge and ideas related to the text.

## ***How long do the Benchmark Running Records take to administer?***

Benchmark Running Records are individually administered and generally take about 10 minutes per student.

## ***How many times a year are the Benchmark Running Records administered?***

Benchmark Running Records are administered 1 – 4 times per year, depending on the grade level and proficiency level of the student. Students in primary grades and students not yet reading on grade level are assessed more frequently to monitor progress in reading achievement.

## ***How does the district use the results from the Benchmark Running Records?***

Schools use the Benchmark Running Records results to determine areas of strength and need overall and for monitoring individual students' development in reading. This analysis informs the attainment of mastery of state standards, planning of interventions and enrichment opportunities, and progress monitoring of growth in achievement. The results also provide teachers with information about specific reading behaviors that should be strengthened through additional instruction.

## ***How are the Benchmark Running Records scores reported?***

The Benchmark Running Records scores combine a percentage score for oral reading accuracy and a rating of student comprehension of the text. Students scoring at a high level of accuracy and a satisfactory or excellent level of comprehension are considered to be reading on grade level.

## ***Where can I access my child's Benchmark Running Records data?***

Benchmark Running Records data can be provided by the student's teacher. Additionally, Benchmark Running Records data are available through the Home Access Center (HAC) system. All parents can request an account for HAC using a current email address.