

Levelling Systems Comparison Chart

This chart provides an approximate correlation of various levelling systems and grade levels. Teachers are encouraged to apply the levels according to their professional judgement and school district guidelines. The levelling characteristics among various levelling systems may differ.

Grade Level Equivalent	Reading Recovery™ Level	PM Colour Level	Guided Reading Level*	DRA	Key Links Literacy	Lexile		
Kindergarten	1	Magenta 1	A	1	Magenta	BR (Before Reading)		
	1–2	Magenta 1–2	B	2				
	2–4	Red 2–4	C	3				
Grade 1	5–6	Red/Yellow 5–6	D	4	Red/Yellow	200–299		
	7–8	Yellow 7–8	E	6–8				
	9	Blue 9	E–F	7–10	Yellow/Blue			
	10–11	Blue 10–11	F	10				
	11–12	Blue/Green 11–12	G	12				
	Grade 2	13–14	Green 13–14	H	14		Blue/Green	300–499
		14	Green 14	H–I	14–16			
15–17		Orange/Turquoise 15–17	I–J	16–18	Green			
18		Turquoise 18	J–K					
19		Purple 19	K	20	Orange			
Grade 3	20	Purple 20	K–L	20–24	Orange/Turquoise	500–799		
		Gold 21–22	L–N	24–28				
		Silver 23–24	N–O	28–30	Silver			
		Emerald 25	O–P	34–38	Purple/Gold/Emerald			
Grade 4		Emerald 26	P–Q	38–40				
		Ruby 27	R	40	Purple/Gold/Ruby			
	Ruby 28	S						
Grade 5		Sapphire 29	T	50	Sapphire	800–899		
		Sapphire 30	U					
			V					
Grade 6			W	60		900–999		
			X					
			Y					
Grade 7			Z	70		1000–1100		
Grade 8			Z	80				

*Nelson Education refers to the Guided Reading Level (GR) throughout the catalogue. The GR is the same as the Fountas & Pinnell Text Level Gradient™.