



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
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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