

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		
	10–11	Blue 10–11	F	10	Yellow/Blue	
	11–12	Blue/Green 11–12	G	12		
	13–14	Green 13–14	H	14	Blue/Green	
Grade 2	14	Green 14	H–I	14–16	Green	300–499
	15–17	Orange/Turquoise 15–17	I–J	16–18		
	18	Turquoise 18	J–K	20	Orange	
	19	Purple 19	K	20–24	Orange/Turquoise	
	20	Purple 20	K–L	24–28		
Grade 3		Gold 21–22	L–N	28–30	Silver	500–799
		Silver 23–24	N–O	34–38	Purple/Gold/Emerald	
		Emerald 25	O–P	38–40		
		Emerald 26	P–Q	40	Purple/Gold/Ruby	
Grade 4		Ruby 27	R	50	Sapphire	800–899
		Ruby 28	S			
Grade 5		Sapphire 29	T	60		900–999
		Sapphire 30	U			
			V			
Grade 6			W	70		1000–1100
			X			
			Y			
Grade 7			Z	80		
Grade 8			Z			

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