

What is the Phonics Inventory (PI)?

The Phonics Inventory measures whether students can identify individual letters and words accurately and quickly. These skills are essential to reading development because they support comprehension.

The Phonics Inventory results identify a student's level of foundational reading skills as one of the following:

- **Pre-Decoder** A student who has little or no familiarity with letters or the sounds they stand for. Beginning Decoder A student who can identify letters but cannot sound out or read words fluently (i.e., accurately and quickly).
- **Developing Decoder** A student who can sound out and read some words fluently but not others.
- **Advancing Decoder** A student who can sound out and read words fluently. Below are the results of your child's test.

We use the results of this test to provide your child with instruction in the skills he or she needs to become a proficient reader. Here are some ways you can support your child's reading development at home:

- **The Daily Read** Make reading a daily activity by reading to or with your child for 20 minutes each day.
- **Fast and Fun Reads** Use magazines, newspapers, comic books, recipes, TV schedules, travel guides, and road signs as reading opportunities—wherever you are and whatever you and your child are doing.
- **The Movie or the Book** Rent videos or DVDs on topics that interest your child. Help your child find books on similar topics.
- **Read and Ride** Listen to books on tape or CD while traveling by car, or bring a personal player with headphones for your child to listen to books on a bus, train, or plane.
- **Read and Chat** Talk with your child about what he or she is reading. Ask questions about the characters and events in the story.