



DRC BEACON

Helping Students Find the Best Path Forward

DRC BEACON is an interim assessment for grades 3–8 that helps educators identify student learning needs, measure progress, and achieve growth. It checks for student learning with real-time online reports at multiple points during the school year, providing immediate insights that will help guide formative instructional practices and learning in your classrooms.

DRC BEACON is:



ILLUMINATING

To support teachers, DRC BEACON sheds light on where a student is today and what a student needs to learn tomorrow. It provides immediate insights into student performance, giving you clarity on how to target instruction and make informed decisions.



ADAPTIVE

The computer-adaptive design provides students with tailored questions that adapt to their learning level. It gives teachers a more accurate picture of achievement and a realistic indication of "where students are."



FLEXIBLE

With its flexible format, teachers can choose to assess all grade-level content, only one subject area (math, reading, or language arts), or give shorter "testlets" that focus on a single reporting category as a quick pre- or post-instructional assessment.



FAST

DRC BEACON's adaptive format uses the fewest possible items to obtain an accurate measure of student learning. Students spend less time testing, and teachers have the immediate data they need to fine-tune instruction.

"The information that DRC BEACON provides is very tailored toward what our students will need to know for their end of the year assessment."

- Maura Fegel

Director of Elementary Curriculum, Camden County Schools

TOOLS FOR INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT LEARNING

DRC BEACON provides high-quality, standards-aligned tools and resources that help you personalize instruction for your students. Teachers can easily identify students who need extra assistance or greater challenge, view the next college and career standards to teach for a small group of students or individuals, and access key learning strategies to use with those students.

HELPING STUDENTS STAY ON TRACK

DRC BEACON provides the feedback needed for grades 3–8 students to master grade-level academic standards, and includes content that represents current college- and career-ready expectations. It provides projected growth data toward end-of-year targets, predicts performance on state summative exams, and pinpoints skill areas needing additional attention.

FAMILIAR ONLINE PLATFORM

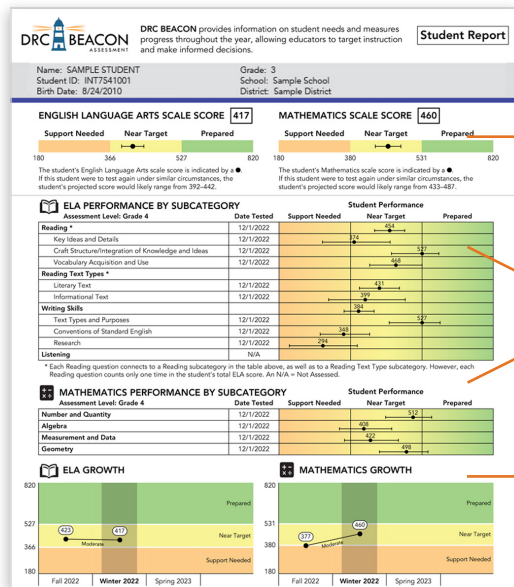
Everyone benefits when there are fewer systems to learn in a school/district. DRC BEACON is delivered on DRC INSIGHT™, a well-known and respected system already used in schools nationwide and with the same suite of accommodations students are using instructionally.

INNOVATIVE, INTERACTIVE SUITE OF REPORTS

“The reports have allowed us to make data-driven decisions and see in real time what our students are learning throughout the school year.”

- Laural Heard

Professional Learning Director/System Testing Coordinator, Cook County Schools



SCALE SCORE

PERFORMANCE

GROWTH PROGRESS AND GROWTH ADEQUACY

Measure Student Performance and Growth

Quickly review scale scores, performance by content domain, growth progression, and summative assessment predictions with the Individual Student Report. DRC BEACON performance levels are based on the premise that at the beginning of the year and throughout the year, students are engaged in learning and are working their way towards being on-track at the end of the year.

“BEACON has helped improve learning in our schools ... it provides our teachers with immediate feedback that allows them to then address instructional needs and to adjust their curriculum and teaching as it's necessary.”

- Lyn Turnell, Ed.D.

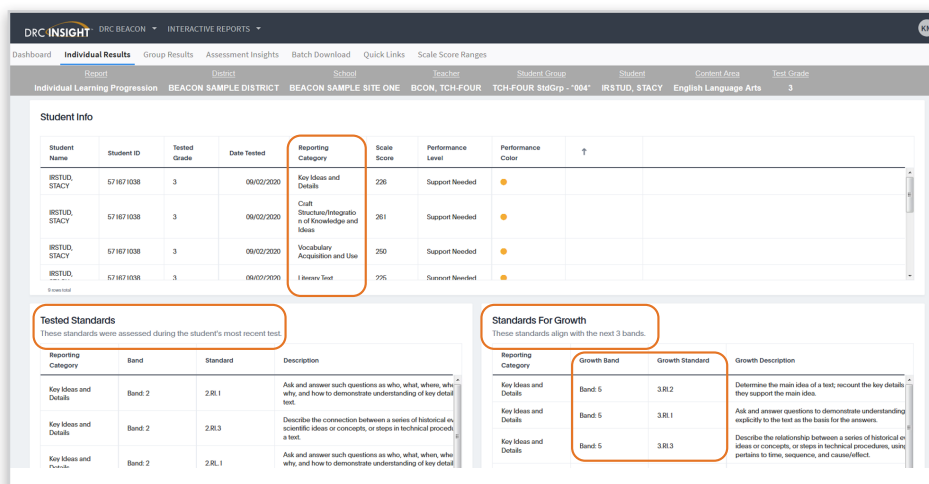
Director, Student Assessment Department, Cherokee County Schools

Reveal More with Interactive Reporting

Intuitive, on-demand reports make it easy to track student progress and guide learning all year. Teachers receive immediate results that inform instruction, improvement planning, and timely decision making.

Personalize Instruction for Each Student

Individual learning progressions help you differentiate instruction by identifying what your students are ready to learn next and where to focus efforts for maximum impact.



“In our school district, we see nothing but positives by doing DRC BEACON and getting the information that we need to move student learning ahead.”

- Robert “Trey” Ezekiel, III, Ed.D.

Director of Assessment, Clarke County Schools

DRC BEACON IS AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING THAT:



Offers interim assessments for ELA and math in grades 3-8



Supports formative Instructional practices



Is administered on the user-friendly DRC INSIGHT platform



Provides students with the tools and accommodations they already use



Uses a computer-adaptive algorithm to pinpoint student performance



Generates immediate student results



Provides predicted score ranges on end-of-year assessment



Monitors student learning and progress throughout the year

COMING SOON: GRADES K–2 AND HIGH SCHOOL

DRC BEACON is expanding to include grades K–2 in ELA and mathematics as well as several high school courses! Contact us to learn more, including opportunities to participate in field tests for these new assessments.



For more information, visit drcbeacon.com

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