

DRA vs. PAR Comparison

Universal Screening Tools:	Developmental Reading Assessment DRA2	Predictive Assessment of Reading PAR
Key Areas Measured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading level • Accuracy • Fluency • Comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter-Word Calling • Picture Naming Vocabulary • Phonemic Awareness • Rapid Naming Fluency
Data Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRA Online Management System • Student Reports • Class Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAR Scoring System • Individual Child Reports • Provides instant assessment data
Assessment Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered orally on a one-on-one basis • Administered semiannually or more frequently for struggling readers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered individually • 15 minutes or less • Administered up to three times a year
Special Nuances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional DRA Word Analysis component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supports teachers in the grouping of students according to their instructional needs • Includes a K-3 and 4-8 kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers generally require 1- 4 hours of training • Spanish supplement available • Paraprofessionals can administer test • Uses special algorithms to predict levels
Missing Pieces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes no prediction for future reading achievement • Does not lend itself to large-group screening or simple progress monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre K – 3rd Grade only • Does not assess reading comprehension