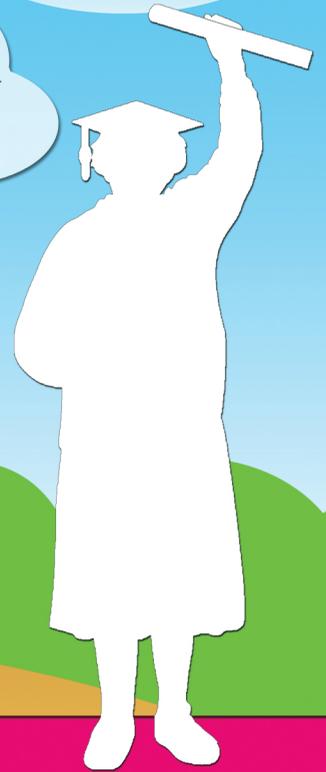




Explore, Create, Achieve!

A Lexile-based, personalized learning platform for students in grade two and beyond



FACT SHEET: What is EdSphere®?

- By customizing the learning experience for each student, EdSphere takes differentiated and deliberate practice to a new level and redefines the traditional approach to assessment and instruction.



Targeted Reading Practice

Students can peruse an extensive database of **tens of thousands** of periodical and newspaper articles. A student's reading experience is targeted to his or her unique **Lexile® measure** and **interests**. Each reading experience blends assessment and instruction by incorporating an embedded learning assessment followed by immediate instructional feedback.



Guided Vocabulary Development

Extensive vocabulary knowledge is built through the platform's "Concept Clue" activities. These activities use **word associations** and existing vocabulary knowledge to propel **vocabulary acquisition** and strengthen vocabulary connections.



Adaptive Writing Activities

EdSphere provides **targeted writing activities** to help cultivate better writers. Students respond to writing prompts on a range of content-area topics. Essays are **scored instantaneously** and students are assigned a Lexile writer measure. Students' writing skills are further nurtured through the platform's paragraph editing activities and its **guided instruction** for convention use.



Robust Reporting Suite

EdSphere offers educators and administrators numerous comprehensive **usage** and **growth reports** at the student, class, grade, school and district level. EdSphere also provides a growth trajectory tool that forecasts a student's reading performance. This tool, based on research and individual student performance, shows if a student is on track to be **college and career ready**.



For more information about Lexile measures, visit Lexile.com

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How it works: More Effective Reading, Writing and Vocabulary Practice

Reading:

- EdSphere immerses students in high-interest and subject-relevant text that is targeted to their Lexile measure.
- Students can choose to read from an extensive database of periodical and newspaper articles on various topics at different Lexile levels, ranging from 300L to more than 1600L.
- Every reading experience blends assessment and instruction.
- EdSphere uses the results from the real-time assessments to update students' Lexile measures, then automatically offers appropriate selections of more complex text based on each student's continued growth.
- EdSphere provides helpful reading scaffolds that include a dictionary and thesaurus.

Writing and Vocabulary:

- Students respond to writing prompts on a range of content-area topics or topics assigned by the teacher. Essays are scored instantaneously and assigned a Lexile writer measure. Students and teachers can also evaluate the qualitative dimensions of written essays utilizing an easy to use rubric.
- Students' writing skills are further nurtured through the platform's paragraph editing activities. Students build their convention knowledge through guided convention instruction. Students put on their "editor hat" to identify and correct grammar, capitalization, spelling and punctuation errors.
- Extensive vocabulary knowledge is built through the platform's "Concept Clue" activity. This activity uses word associations and existing vocabulary knowledge to propel vocabulary acquisition and strengthen vocabulary connections.



Why EdSphere? EdSphere...

- Blends assessment with instruction.
- Integrates Lexile measures and computer-adaptive design.
- Provides immediate scoring, feedback and reporting.
- Extends learning time with 24/7 access and promotes the home-classroom connection.
- Connects day-to-day progress with year-to-year summative tests.
- Provides multiple measures over time and more reliable estimates of reading and writing ability.
- Supports learning based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
 - Large database of non-fiction articles supports the CCSS's recommended increase in exposure to informational text.
 - Platform reflects the CCSS's focus on "stretch" reading by allowing users the option to read more challenging texts.
 - Growth forecasting tool enables teachers to see if a student is on track to meet the reading demands of college and careers as defined by the CCSS.

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