



Dear Educator,

MetaMetrics is currently recruiting schools/classrooms to participate in a study to examine reading assessment materials designed for beginning readers. We hope you will consider volunteering to help with this study.

If you are interested in assisting us, please discuss the study with your school administrators before you complete the online interest information form. This study adheres to the research regulations of the US Department of Health and Human Services and the guidance provided to researchers and Institutional Review Boards by that department's Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). MetaMetrics will work with your school/district if any additional information is needed for approval of your involvement in this study.

Which grade levels are involved? MetaMetrics is seeking participation of 1st grade students.

The requirements for participation are as follows:

- Each student participant will take a Lexile Research Test. The test contains 40 items and will take approximately 35 minutes.
- Tests are administered online.
- Tests can be administered to students one at a time, to small groups of students at one time, or to a whole class simultaneously, according to technology resources and teacher preference.
- Teachers will provide some demographic information about students in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and the anonymity of the student data.
- Permission from school and/or district administration (according to school and/or district policy) must be obtained.
- Tests must be completed by early October, 2013.

The benefits associated with your school's/classroom's participation include:

- A \$75.00 Barnes and Noble gift card for each teacher whose classroom participates in the study.
- Contributions to the general understanding about the earliest stages of reading.

If you are interested, **please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HDG5Z3S> and complete the short interest information form for your class.** Class participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to respond soon. Multiple teachers within one school or district will be considered, but each teacher does need to complete the information form.

Questions? Interested schools should contact Alison Estes at MetaMetrics, (AEstes@Lexile.com or 919-354-3468) with questions or for more information.

Sincerely,

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