

# The **Choice** for **Today's Educators**

Accurately  
Measure Growth  
and Readiness  
with a Proven  
Assessment

**CTBS-R**



# The Proven Advantages of the Canadian Test of Basic Skills

The *Canadian Test of Basic Skills* from **Nelson** measures student achievement and growth across a continuum of rigorous updated learning standards from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

## The *Canadian Test of Basic Skills* enables administrators and educators to:

- **Monitor Growth** using a continuous, researched-based, vertical scale to accurately measure academic progress from Kindergarten through high school
- **Indicate College and Career Readiness** through high-quality, easily accessible, and interpretable assessment data helping educators and families determine whether students are on track for college and careers
- **Engage students** through an attractive four-color design
- **Evaluate student mastery** of next generation skills and rigorous learning standards

## Provide actionable data and support

- Items align to one of three cognitive levels, providing an additional view of mastery
- Skill and core domain alignment and reporting
- Reporting suite includes Lexile® and Quantile® measures
- Ancillaries include printed materials and training materials

## Administration Options through *DataManager*

- Paper/pencil administration with scanning and scoring of answer documents done at Nelson Scoring Service, offering both paper and online reporting

# Measure College and Career Readiness—Beginning in Middle School

Maximizing your school or district’s resources—instructor time, money, and curricular changes—has never been more challenging or important. Only **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Nelson** have the insight and data systems to help you track college and career readiness starting at Grade 6. Data gathered from our reliable and research-based assessments can help you make important decisions by providing projected reports of student preparedness for success through Grade 12 and beyond.

## How it works

The *Canadian Test of Basic Skills* generates readiness reports showing where students in Grades 6–12 land on the college and career preparedness scale, allowing you to pinpoint areas where achievement begins to slow or accelerate. This information helps you inform decisions related to curricula and teacher performance. In addition, individual student data helps identify students who may require intervention or advanced courses and programs, or those who would benefit from accelerated coursework.

## Why it works

Grades 6–8 are a critical time for skills development, so the ability to begin interventions or adjust curricula to ensure students are “on track” for success before they enter high school can go a long way toward improving overall student, school, and district performance.

In addition, the longitudinal data system allows you to track students year over year and within the school year, so you can demonstrate immediate and long term gains in achievement at the same time.



# How do you track growth?

## You need a growth model that informs your response to intervention

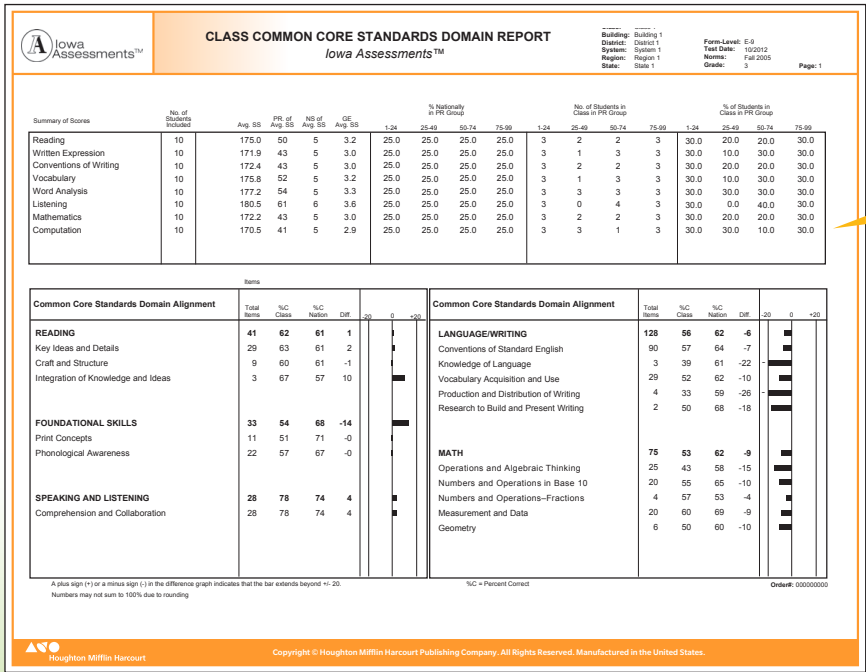
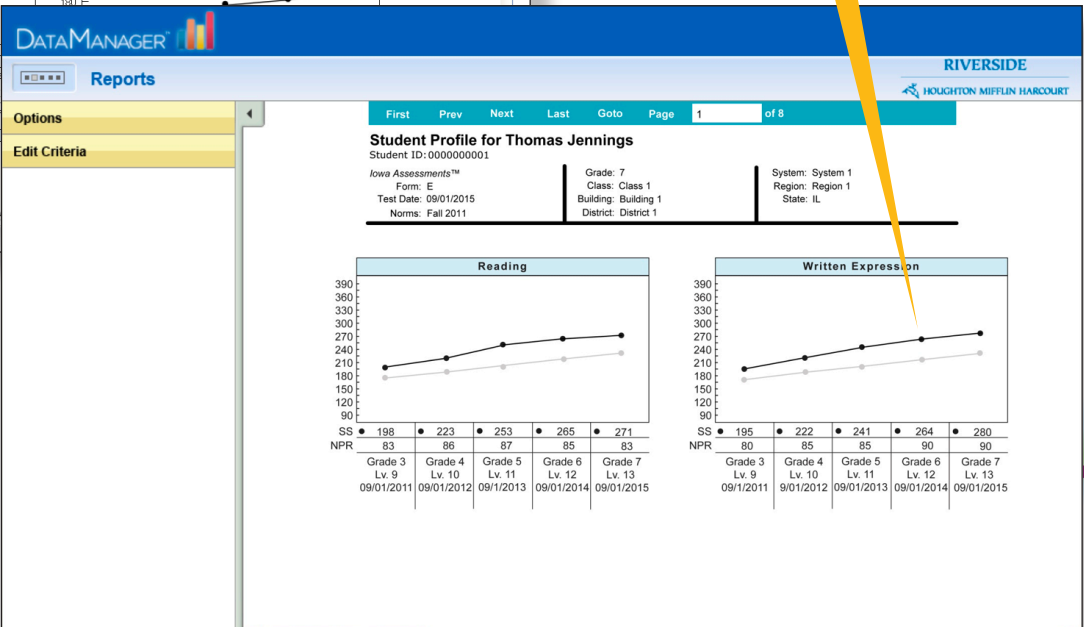
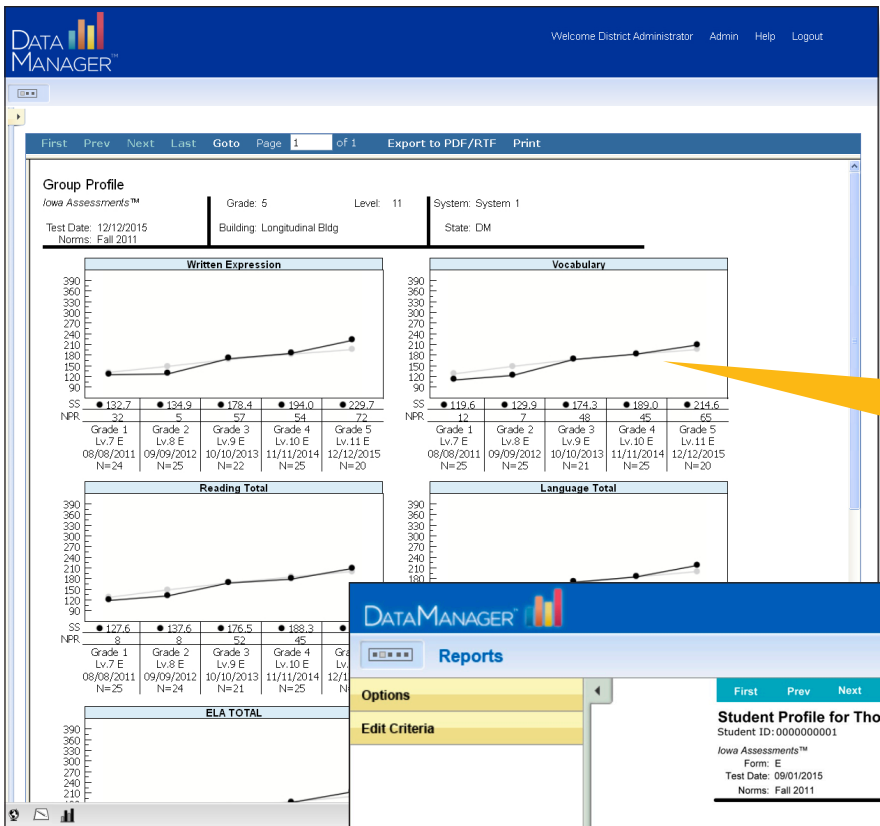
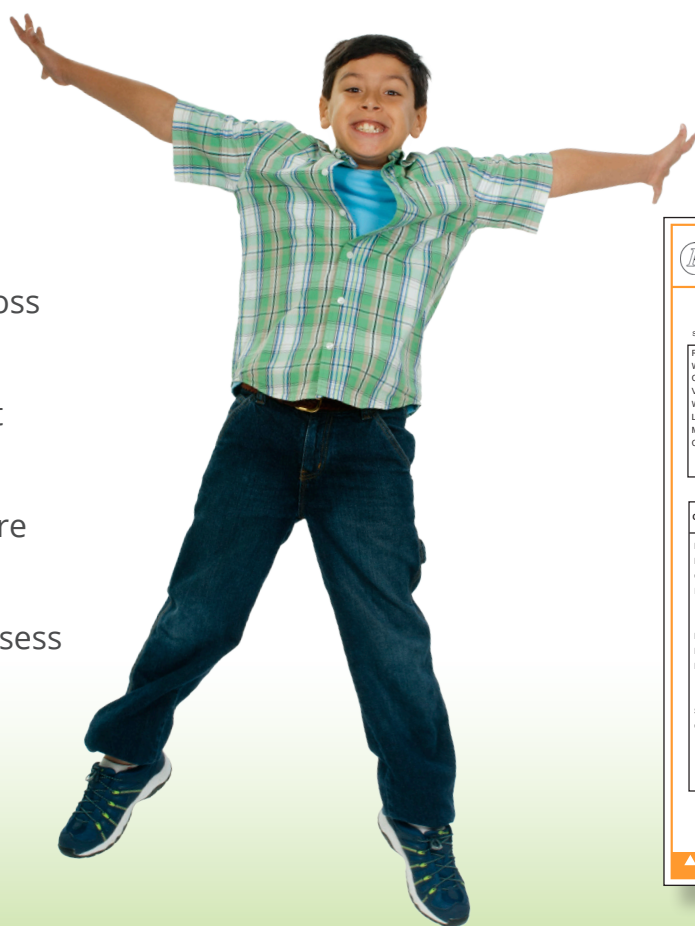
With increasing pressure on schools and districts across the country to provide data showing student growth, you need a way to reliably monitor each student's progress across the entire K-12 continuum. That's why the robust vertical scale underlying the **Canadian Test of Basic Skills** facilitates an enhanced Growth Model.

This instrument answers the needs of schools like yours—providing better ways to measure achievement and impact instruction to help students prepare for college and careers. The **Canadian Test of Basic Skills** also may be used within an RtI program as a reliable and valid Universal Screener.

Learning is a continuous process, and individuals learn incrementally and at different rates. When we measure progress, we avoid applying arbitrary labels to students or placing them in buckets. Instead, by monitoring growth, we focus on setting long-term goals and understanding student progress towards college and career readiness. Using growth data can help you plan instruction and implement swift curriculum changes based on what students know and can do.

## Features and Benefits

- **Accurate longitudinal data reporting** within and across school years
- **A vertical scale** that provides a reliable and consistent measure of growth
- **Standard score growth continuum** that provides more accurate data than other competing instruments
- **Enhanced tools for differentiation** that accurately assess the growth of low- and high-performing students
- **Universal Screening** that can be used within the Response to Intervention framework





# Streamline Your **Test Management**

**DataManager** is your online resource for streamlining management of your assessment program using the **Canadian Test of Basic Skills, Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT 7)**.

**Use DataManager to:**

- Prepare for test events
- View reports
- Interpret results
- Access digital resources

From central scoring of answer documents to online testing, **DataManager** is your single source for supporting your comprehensive, balanced assessment program.

**DataManager is your single tool to put the power of assessment in your hands—before, during, and after testing.**



## Preparing for Testing

- Construct and manage student rosters
- Create events
- Assign students
- Provides step-by-step guidance through ancillaries



## Administering Tests

- Supports central scoring of answer documents
- Includes roster and bar code file templates and instructions
- Provides guidance through Directions for Administration

## Reporting

- Delivers web-based reports
- Combines results from different assessments
- Enables disaggregation of results
- Enables local printing of reports
- Allows exporting of results

## Interpreting Results

- Provides guidance through digital resources
- Links to next steps, such as making adjustments to curriculum or grouping learners
- Enables targeted instruction via Lexile and Quantile measures

**DataManager** can help you in every phase of assessment, from preparing to test to interpreting the results.

**DataManager's** powerful functionality enables you to organize, assign, and implement your test events and access and manage your test results online.

**DataManager** supports your school system's comprehensive, balanced assessment program by tracking multiple data points to promote and enhance student learning throughout the year.

# Recommended Test Levels by **Testing Season**

GRADE	FALL	MIDYEAR	SPRING
K	–	5	5–6
1	6	6–7	7
2	7	8	8
3	8–9	9	9
4	10	10	10
5	11	11	11
6	12	12	12
7	13	13	13
8	14	14	14
9	14–15	14–15	14–15
10	16	16	16
11	17/18	17/18	17/18
12	17/18	17/18	17/18



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