

Instructions for Use of the Lexile Website

Getting There - The Lexile website address is www.lexile.com

Resources Available on the Website

- **Search.** The ability to search for book titles by entering information about subject, book title, author, publisher, or ISBN number.
- **Analyze.** The ability to run text stored in electronic form (in a raw text or .txt file) through the Lexile analyzer to generate a Lexile score.
- **Research.** Articles and PowerPoint presentations about Lexile that are useful to teachers and administrators.
- **NO** – to visit the website and use the search engine.
- **YES** – to use the analyzer.

Do I need a password?

- **NO** – to visit the website and use the engine.
- **YES** – to use the analyzer

How do we get a password? Register on-line at www.lexile.com. Click on <Teachers>, then <Lexile Analyzer>. There is no cost for registering or using the analyzer.

Do we need help to use the search engine or analyzer?

The search engine is very simple to use. Simply click on the search tab and follow the instructions. The analyzer is also relatively straightforward. Just keep in mind that you must submit the text you want to be analyzed in electronic form and that you must save the text in a “.txt” file.

Other Resources Available to Support Lexile

- *NWEA Reading Pathfinders* – Collections of literature titles for teachers and parents matched to the students Lexile level. The books identified are generally available at schools and local libraries. Districts can obtain a copy of the Reading Pathfinder by calling NWEA at (503) 624-1951.
- *The Lexile Titles Database with Pathfinder Creator* – This is a software program that teachers can use to search the Lexile database and create Pathfinders without accessing the web. It costs \$199.00 and can be ordered directly from MetaMetrics (see the Lexile website). Most of what this program does can be done for free at Lexile’s website.
- *The Lexile Framework: A Guide for Educators*
- *The Lexile Framework: A Guide for Parents*

These are excellent books that overview the Lexile, the research behind it, and powerful uses of Lexile scores. They provide excellent background information on reading research and instruction and useful information about how to use Lexile with Accelerated Reader and other Reading Management programs. These cost \$14.95 each and can be ordered directly from MetaMetrics.