Interpreting Students' Lexile Scores

To interpret students' Lexiles, Achieve3000 recommends using the College and Career Readiness chart, shown below, to determine whether students are on track for college and career. Follow these steps:

Find the student's nominal grade in the column titled 'Grade.' For a fifth grade student, find the number 5.

Following the row corresponding to the student's grade, find the range in the next four columns that includes the student's Lexile. For a fifth grade student with a Lexile of 800, the correct column would be the 'Approaches' column.

Determine if the student is on track for college and career. A fifth grade student with a Lexile of 800 is not on track for college and career readiness but is approaching being on track.

College and Career Readiness				
	Not On Track		On Track	
Grade	Falls Far Below	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds
1	BR115L and Below	BR110L - 185L	190L – 530L	535L and Above
2	150L and Below	155L – 415L	420L - 650L	655L and Above
3	265L and Below	270L - 515L	520L - 820L	825L and Above
4	385L and Below	390L - 735L	740L – 940L	945L and Above
5	500L and Below	505L - 825L	830L - 1010L	1015L and Above
6	555L and Below	560L - 920L	925L - 1070L	1075L and Above
7	625L and Below	630L - 965L	970L – 1120L	1125L and Above
8	660L and Below	665L - 1005L	1010L - 1185L	1190L and Above
9	775L and Below	780L – 1045L	1050L - 1260L	1265L and Above
10	830L and Below	835L - 1075L	1080L – 1335L	1340L and Above
11/12	950L and Below	955L – 1180L	1185L – 1385L	1390L and Above

Beginning Reader (BR) is a code given to readers and text that are below 0L on the Lexile scale. In some cases, for readers, a BR code is followed by a number and L (e.g., BR150L). A Lexile reader measure of BR150L indicates that the Lexile measure of the reader is 150 units below 0L. The smaller the number following the BR code, the more advanced the reader is. For example, a BR150L reader is more advanced than a BR200L reader.

