

Measuring Children's School Readiness progress

**Family Literacy Initiative
Liberia 2016-2020**

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Bracken School Readiness Assessment - 3rd Edition

- **Reasons for selecting**
 - **Does not require assessment professionals**
 - **Age norms with 3 month intervals from 3 yrs, 0 mo to 6 yrs, 11 mo (US norms)**
 - **Used by a number of HIPPIY programs in the the US and recommended by the U. of S. Florida's HIPPIY Training and Technical Assistance Center**

Bracken Content

85 items divided into five Subtests

Colors (10)

Letters (15)

Numbers/Counting (18)

Sizes/Comparisons (22)

Shapes (20)

TEST ADMINISTRATION AND ANALYSIS

- **PRETEST AT PROGRAM ENTRY**
- **END OF 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD YEAR**
- **PRETEST ADMINISTERED BY PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT COORDINATOR AND END-OF-YEAR TESTS BY FLI TRAINED LIBERIAN EDUCATORS**
- **TESTS WERE SCANNED AND SENT TO THE PROGRAM EVALUATOR FOR ANALYSIS AND REPORTING**

RAW SCORES CONVERTED TO STANDARD SCORES, DESCRIPTIVE CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES AND PERCENTILE RANKS

- ***VERY DELAYED*** (2nd %ile or lower)
- ***DELAYED*** (3rd - 16th %ile)
- ***AVERAGE*** (18th - 82nd %ile)
- ***ADVANCED*** (84th - 97th %ILE)
- ***VERY ADVANCED*** (98th %ile or higher)

INITIAL YEAR RESULTS FOR THREE YEARS COMBINED

	PRE %	POST %
VERY DELAYED	58	7
DELAYED	41	41
AVERAGE	1	52

Descriptive classification levels for 41 children over a three-year period

Descriptive Classification Category	Pretest 2017 %	Post 2017 %	Sum. 2018 %	Sum 2019 %
Advanced	0	0	0	5
Average	2	56	37	61
Delayed	39	37	56	22
Very Del.	59	7	7	12

Surveys Supporting Adult Literacy program

- 2016 - Home visitors' rating of parents' ability to read instructional material: **Fair/Poor 58%**
- 2017 - Parent Feedback Survey
 - Material at least a little difficult: **47%**
 - **1/3** wanted help in increasing literacy skills or increase formal education