



# FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Below, you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the Gifted Rating Scales™ Second Edition (GRS™ 2). As the questions span various subject areas, they have been categorized by topic to make navigating easier.

## ADMINISTRATION, SCORING AND REPORTING

**Is the GRS 2 hand-scored or scored digitally?**

The GRS 2 offers digital scoring only. Scoring digitally is less prone to error than hand-scoring and takes very little time. Given the time and cost savings and improvement in accuracy, digital scoring is reported as the preferred option in market research.

While hand-scoring is not available, paper administration will still be possible by printing a paper form from the MHS Online Assessment Center+ (MAC+). The responses from the paper form can then be entered online for digital scoring and reporting. Entering the responses (even with double data entry verification turned on, which is recommended) is still faster than hand-scoring.

**How do I access the GRS 2?**

The GRS 2 is accessed through MAC+, which lets you administer, score, and generate reports with just a click of a button.

Start assessing digitally by purchasing GRS 2 Uses online and creating your MAC+ account at checkout using the email address you want associated with your new account. Once your purchase is complete, your MAC+ account will be created. Please note this process takes 1 to 2 business days to complete.

**What is the average administration time of the GRS 2?**

The following are the average administration times:

- GRS 2 Teacher–Preschool/Kindergarten Form:** 3–5 minutes
- GRS 2 Teacher–School Form:** 4–6 minutes
- GRS 2 Parent Form:** 1–3 minutes



## What updates were made to the normative samples?

New normative data were derived from a large sample selected to be representative of the U.S. population based on the 2018 U.S. census. The GRS 2 Normative Sample was built to be balanced by age groups and gender and stratified by race/ethnicity, parental education level (for GRS 2 Parent Form only), and geographic region.

Furthermore, the GRS 2 Normative Sample includes expanded age norms—the normative sample age groups in the original GRS™ range from 4 to 13 years. The GRS 2 Normative Sample includes stratified samples for 4 to 18 years to allow a more valid assessment of older students.

## Did the pandemic have an impact on the GRS 2 normative scores?

The GRS 2 captures observations about a student's behavior relative to other students, so the comparison point for a teacher's ratings is always their current peers, which helps ensure the time period in which observations are measured has little impact.

Data collected in 2022 did not meaningfully differ from data collected before the pandemic, indicating that the test appears to be largely unaffected by the pandemic.



**What reports are available for the GRS 2?**

Single-Rater Report—provides one student’s scored results from one rater.  
Scored Dataset—provides all students’ scores within a single spreadsheet.

**Can you download the report as a Word Document?**

Reports can be printed or saved as PDF or Word documents.  
A scored dataset is available in CSV format.

**What are the reading levels associated with the GRS 2 forms?**

The GRS 2 was revised to ensure content is accessible and easy to understand. The Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level Formula (Flesch, 1948; Kincaid et al., 1975) was used to calculate the reading level of each form.

**GRS 2 Teacher–Preschool/Kindergarten Form:** Grade 10.3

**GRS 2 Teacher–School Form:** Grade 10.5

**GRS 2 Parent Form:** Grade 7.9



## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### What is new or different with the GRS 2 compared to the GRS™?

The Gifted Rating Scales Second Edition (GRS 2), a revision of the GRS, integrates the same key elements as its predecessor with the following new features:

- Expanded age range (4–18 years).
- Teacher Form updates with item revisions, a reduced number of items per scale, and updated norms.
- A new Parent Form gives users additional data points for Cognitive Ability, Creative/Artistic Ability, and Resiliency & Social Competency in the assessment process for gifted identification. The Parent Form enables ratings based on behaviors observed in different contexts, allowing for a more holistic view of students' abilities.
- New modular administration with the option to select which scales to administer.
- New modular reports with rater response-style indicators.
- Analyses of students' relative strengths.

For more information, please reference our GRS and GRS 2 comparison guide.

### In what languages is the GRS 2 offered?

The GRS 2 Teacher forms are available in English, and the Parent form is available in English and Spanish (North America). The Spanish version of the Parent form is a linguistically and culturally sensitive adaptation of the English form. Further translations will be made available over time.

### Do I need to purchase a manual for the GRS 2?

The GRS 2 manual is included with purchase of GRS 2 Uses.

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