Explanation for ELA Placement

The first set of columns on the placement chart (yellow) contains the placement information. The second set of columns (pink) lists the English placement course for 9th grade and whether the student needs a support class.

Placement chart symbols: The score earned is equal or greater than ≥

The score earned is equal to or less than ≤

GMRT (Gates-McGinitie Reading Test)

This is a timed, multiple-choice reading test that has a vocabulary section and a comprehension section. The scores from both sections are combined to come up with the grade-equivalent score, which is the score listed on the placement chart. The highest score a student can receive is PHS (Post-High School).

LGL (Let's Go Learn)

Students who scored below 7.6 on the GMRT also took the Let's Go Learn test, a computer-adaptive reading test. This test produces a number of different scores:

- HFW (High-frequency words): Examines the learner's ability to correctly identify frequently occurring words. Responses are timed. Maximum score = 3.83 (high 3rd grade).
- WR (Word Recognition): Measures a learner's ability to recognize a variety of leveled lists of words. Maximum score = 12.83 (high 12th grade).
- PH (Phonics): Assesses a learner's knowledge of basic phonetic rules and sounding-out skills. This subtest uses both real and nonsense words. Maximum score = 4.83 (high 4th grade).
- Decoding: A composite score based on the HFW, WR, and PH scores. This score is calculated by taking the WR score and subtracting the difference between 3.83 and the HFW score, and then by subtracting the difference between 4.83 and the student's PH score.
    - WR - (3.83 - HFW) - (4.83 - PH)
    - Example:
        - WR = 7.17, HFW = 3.5, PH = 3.83
        - Decoding = 7.17 - (3.83 - 3.5) - (4.83 - 3.83)
        - Decoding = 7.17 - .33 - 1
        - Decoding = 5.84
- VO (Vocabulary): Measures the learner's receptive oral-vocabulary skills using leveled lists of vocabulary words. Maximum score = 12.83 (high 12th grade).
- CO (Comprehension): Evaluates the learner's ability to answer factual and inferential questions about a silently read story. Maximum score = 12.83 (high 12th grade).