



# Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS): A universal screener to inform practice



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# Today's session

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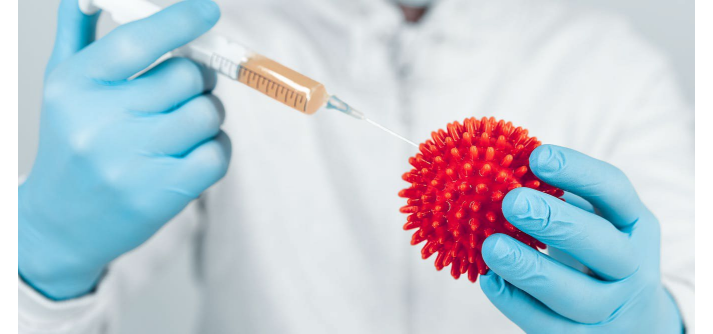
WHY

HOW



Reading failures is the most preventable of health issues.

# Prevention is better than cure



- Unlike most medicines, which are often used to treat a disease or infection, **vaccines** are developed to **prevent** them
- A cure, on the other hand, treats diseases or infections differently than a vaccine by attacking an illness *after* a person has already contracted it. It's only after someone gets sick that we would, or even could, 'cure' them
- if given the choice between preventing a pandemic versus trying to fight your way out of one, almost everyone would choose the former, right?

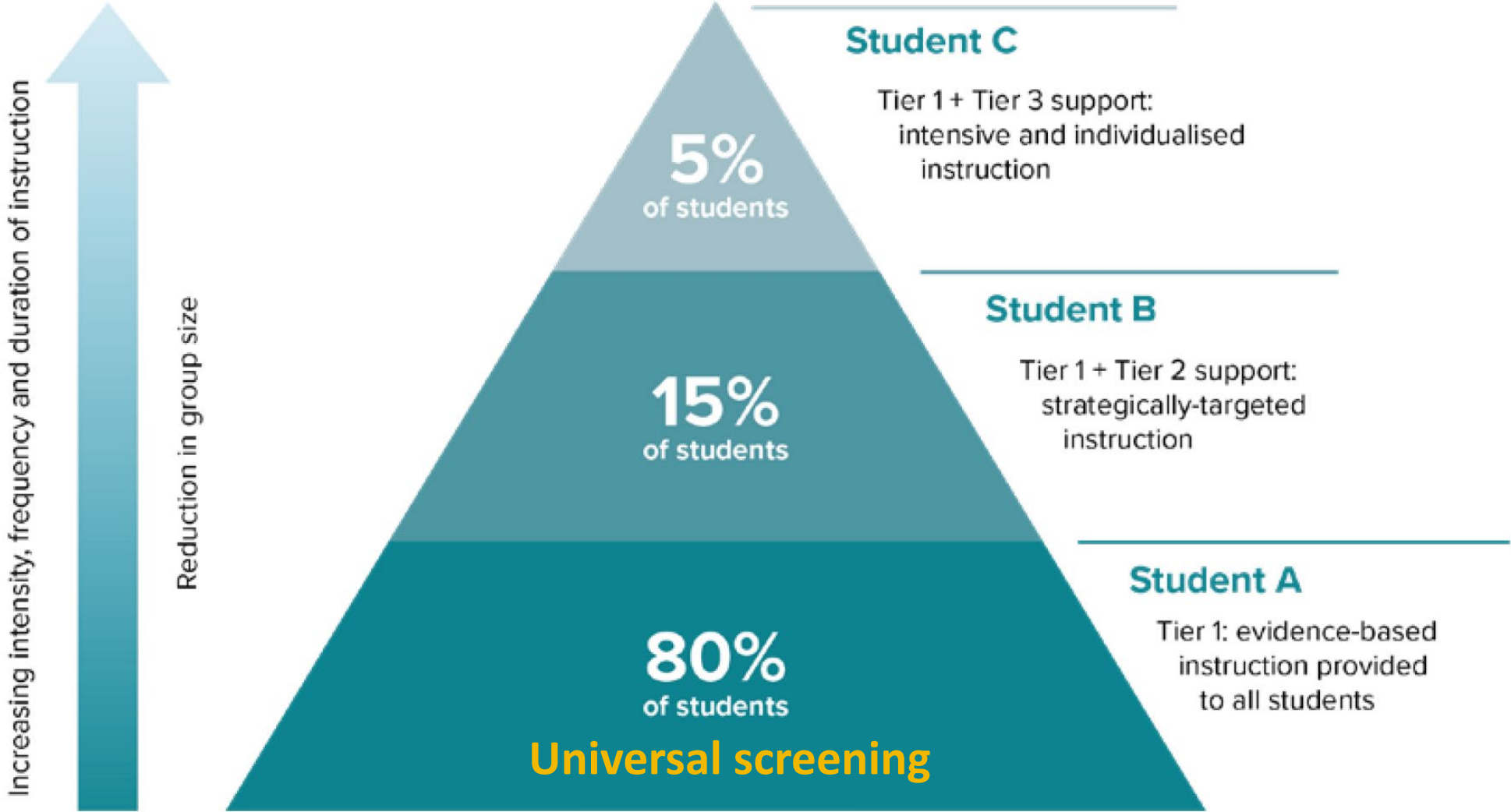




GROUP 1  
those who require intervention

GROUP 2  
those who do not

# Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model



### Box 13: Some Catholic dioceses are requiring their schools to teach reading according to the evidence

The Catholic Education Archdiocese of **Canberra-Goulburn** has been leading the way. In 2020, it implemented a strategy called ‘Catalyst’ that aims to ensure every student is a competent reader and that all classes have high-impact teaching practices.<sup>a</sup> Before then, many schools in the archdiocese were not using evidence-informed practices to teach reading.

The strategy introduced a suite of changes:

- All Foundation to Year 2 classrooms across the system’s 56 schools are required to teach an endorsed, evidence-informed literacy program, either InitialLit, Sounds-Write, or Let’s Decode.
- Schools are required to use approved reading assessments to monitor student progress, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) screening tool.
- All schools were supported to purchase decodable readers.
- For catch-up support, there is a list of endorsed intervention reading programs, including MiniLit Sage (1-2), MacqLit (Years 3 to 10), and Reading Tutor Program (Years 3 to 12).
- Early years teachers are provided with a two-day training program in InitialLit, and another five days of training in effective teaching practices, which includes theory, demonstrations, and coaching.
- Teachers are given additional planning days and release time to implement changes in their school.

a. Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (2023).

b. Del Rio et al (2023, p. 54).

c. Catholic Education Tasmania (2023).

Students’ results on the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check improved from 57 per cent of students meeting the expected level in 2021, to 70 per cent in 2023. Between 2019 and 2022, NAPLAN reading results for Catholic schools in Canberra also significantly improved. In 2019, 42 per cent of Catholic schools in Canberra performed below or well below similar schools in Year 3 reading. By 2022, only 4 per cent of Catholic schools in Canberra were below similar schools and none were well below.<sup>b</sup>

In 2022 the Catholic Education Archdiocese of **Hobart** (which includes Catholic schools across Tasmania) introduced an initiative called ‘Literate Learners for Life’. It mandated that all 32 primary schools use InitialLit, a reading program for Foundation to Year 2 students that explicitly teaches students the key sub-skills needed for reading.<sup>c</sup> All schools were provided with detailed lesson plans and assessments, and those that had already purchased them were refunded. From 2023-24, their schools will be using the DIBELS screening tool to identify students who are falling behind.

To up-skill teachers in evidence-informed reading instruction, all 38 schools (both primary and secondary) have a Literacy Practice Leader – a classroom teacher who is given 0.4 FTE release time to support improved reading instruction across the school. These literacy leaders provide information to system leaders. All Literacy Practice Leaders are required to do the LaTrobe University Science of Language and Reading introductory short course – 7.5 hours of online training over five weeks.



# Every child is a competent reader



Why to choose DIBELS?

# Why DIBELS?

School systems must focus on:

- **Preventing reading problems** from developing, and
- **Intervening as early as possible** and doing so **systematically** when problems emerge

**The evidence base for prevention and early intervention and how to do it is considered SETTLED SCIENCE**

# DIBELS is an indicator



“An indicator is a brief, efficient index that provides a fair degree of certainty about a larger, more complex system or process.” (Good et al., 2011: 2)

- Similar to general health and wellness measures

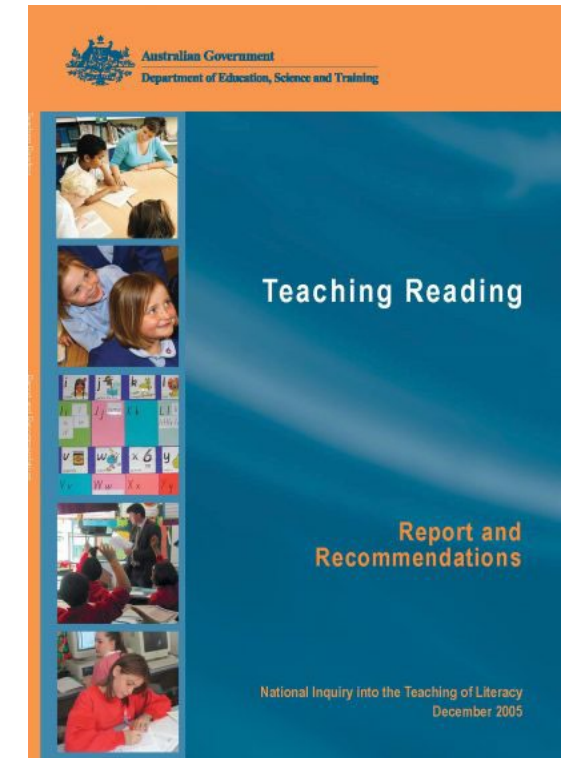


# What is DIBELS?

- DIBELS is an assessment system for use in prevention and early intervention of reading difficulties.
- The DIBELS system includes an integrated set of measures that help determine if students are learning the reading skills necessary to be successful readers.
- The DIBELS system can help determine whether instruction and intervention efforts are working as intended to improve student reading outcomes.

# DIBELS measures assess the Big Ideas of beginning reading

| Big Idea  | Assessment Tool*  |
|---|---|
| Phonological Awareness                                  | Phonemic Segmentation Fluency (PSF)                       |
| Alphabetic Principle & Phonics                          | Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF)<br>Word Reading Fluency (WRF) |
| Accurate and Fluent Reading                             | Word Reading Fluency (WRF)<br>Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)  |
| Vocabulary  |   |
| Comprehension   | Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)<br>Maze                        |
| *Risk Indicator (not an essential instructional target) | Letter Naming Fluency (LNF)                               |



Alignment with the National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy (Australia), the Rowe Report (2005)



# Tell where students are in relation to critical benchmarks that predict successful reading outcomes

- **Blue goal** (i.e. Negligible risk, or in need of core support) = *highly* likely ( $\geq 90\%$  chance) to be achieving at grade-level ( $\geq 40^{\text{th}}$  percentile) at the end of the year
- **Green range** (i.e. Minimal risk, or in need of core support) = likely ( $\geq 80\%$  chance) to be achieving at grade-level ( $\geq 40^{\text{th}}$  percentile) at the end of the year
- **Yellow range** (i.e. some risk, or in need of strategic support) = likely ( $\geq 80\%$  chance) to be achieving *below* grade-level ( $\leq 40^{\text{th}}$  percentile) at the end of the year
- **Red range** (i.e. at risk, or in need of intensive support) = likely ( $\geq 80\%$  chance) to be achieving *well below* grade-level ( $\leq 20^{\text{th}}$  percentile) at the end of the year

|              |           | PSF   |
|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Kindergarten | Beginning | 20+   |
|              |           | 12-19 |
|              |           | 7-11  |
|              |           | 0-6   |
|              | Middle    | 43+   |
|              |           | 32-42 |
|              |           | 23-31 |
|              |           | 0-22  |
|              | End       | 53+   |
| 47-52        |           |       |
| 37-46        |           |       |
| 0-36         |           |       |
| First Grade  | Beginning | 51+   |
|              |           | 39-50 |
|              |           | 29-38 |
|              |           | 0-28  |
|              | Middle    | 57+   |
|              |           | 43-56 |
|              |           | 34-42 |
|              |           | 0-33  |
|              | End       | 61+   |
| 45-60        |           |       |
| 40-44        |           |       |
| 0-39         |           |       |

# Solid baseline and increased level of accountability through student tracking

2023 All Grades Status - DIBELS 8th Edition  
 District: Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn

DIBELS® Data System

| Grade      | Beginning   | Middle  | End   |
|------------|---|---|---|
| <b>K</b>   | <p>n=1773<br/>                     989 (56%)<br/>                     355 (20%)<br/>                     210 (12%)<br/>                     219 (12%)</p> | <p>n=1741<br/>                     627 (36%)<br/>                     299 (17%)<br/>                     412 (24%)<br/>                     403 (23%)</p> | <p>n=1755<br/>                     240 (14%)<br/>                     185 (11%)<br/>                     522 (30%)<br/>                     808 (46%)</p> |
| <b>1st</b> | <p>n=1883<br/>                     256 (14%)<br/>                     281 (15%)<br/>                     730 (39%)<br/>                     616 (33%)</p> | <p>n=1884<br/>                     306 (16%)<br/>                     357 (19%)<br/>                     651 (35%)<br/>                     570 (30%)</p> | <p>n=1876<br/>                     155 (8%)<br/>                     208 (11%)<br/>                     584 (31%)<br/>                     929 (50%)</p>  |
| <b>2nd</b> | <p>n=1559<br/>                     262 (17%)<br/>                     227 (15%)<br/>                     528 (34%)<br/>                     542 (35%)</p> | <p>n=1799<br/>                     311 (17%)<br/>                     290 (16%)<br/>                     609 (34%)<br/>                     589 (33%)</p> | <p>n=1827<br/>                     241 (13%)<br/>                     255 (14%)<br/>                     630 (34%)<br/>                     701 (38%)</p> |
| <b>3rd</b> | <p>n=1376<br/>                     205 (15%)<br/>                     225 (16%)<br/>                     470 (34%)<br/>                     476 (35%)</p> | <p>n=1527<br/>                     292 (19%)<br/>                     230 (15%)<br/>                     549 (36%)<br/>                     456 (30%)</p> | <p>n=1632<br/>                     257 (16%)<br/>                     231 (14%)<br/>                     448 (27%)<br/>                     696 (43%)</p> |
| <b>4th</b> | <p>n=1272<br/>                     147 (12%)<br/>                     261 (21%)<br/>                     616 (48%)<br/>                     248 (19%)</p> | <p>n=1498<br/>                     254 (17%)<br/>                     209 (14%)<br/>                     506 (34%)<br/>                     529 (35%)</p> | <p>n=1522<br/>                     219 (14%)<br/>                     340 (22%)<br/>                     458 (30%)<br/>                     505 (33%)</p> |
| <b>5th</b> | <p>n=1158<br/>                     235 (20%)<br/>                     259 (22%)<br/>                     390 (34%)<br/>                     274 (24%)</p> | <p>n=1289<br/>                     326 (25%)<br/>                     247 (19%)<br/>                     440 (34%)<br/>                     276 (21%)</p> | <p>n=1369<br/>                     358 (26%)<br/>                     156 (11%)<br/>                     282 (21%)<br/>                     573 (42%)</p> |
| <b>6th</b> | <p>n=1146<br/>                     276 (24%)<br/>                     242 (21%)<br/>                     340 (29%)<br/>                     288 (25%)</p> | <p>n=1358<br/>                     333 (28%)<br/>                     280 (24%)<br/>                     443 (38%)<br/>                     302 (26%)</p> | <p>n=1325<br/>                     265 (20%)<br/>                     183 (14%)<br/>                     267 (20%)<br/>                     610 (46%)</p> |

# CE Assessment Schedule 2024

|              | Term 1  |                              | Term 2   |                                | Term 3   |          | Term 4  |                                |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|----------|---|--------------------------------|
|              | Literacy  | Numeracy                     | Literacy   | Numeracy                       | Literacy                                       | Numeracy | Literacy  | Numeracy                       |
| Kindergarten | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 3 – 5<br><i>LNF, PSF, NWF, WRF</i>                  | PAT Early Maths Weeks 2-3    | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br><i>LNF, PSF, NWF, WRF</i>      |                                |  |          | DIBELS Benchmarking (EoY) Weeks 4 – 6<br><i>LNF, PSF, NWF, WRF</i>      | PAT Early Maths Weeks 2 – 3    |
| Year 1       | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 3 – 5<br><i>LNF, PSF, ORF, NWF, WRF</i>             | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2-3 | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br><i>LNF, PSF, NWF, WRF, ORF</i> |                                | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check                 |          | DIBELS Benchmarking (EoY) Weeks 4 – 6<br><i>LNF, PSF, NWF, WRF, ORF</i> | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 |
| Year 2       | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 3 – 5<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>                 |                              | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>     |                                |  |          | DIBELS Benchmarking (EoY) Weeks 4 – 6<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>     |                                |
|              |   |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 8 Test 3                |          | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3  | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 |
| Year 3       | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 3 – 5<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>                 |                              | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>     |                                |  |          | DIBELS Benchmarking (EoY) Weeks 4 – 6<br><i>NWF, WRF, ORF, MAZE</i>     |                                |
|              | NAPLAN – 13 March – 25 March  |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 8 Test 4                |          | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3  | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 |
| Years 4 – 6  | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 3 – 5<br><i>ORF, MAZE</i>                           |                              | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br><i>ORF, MAZE</i>               |                                |  |          | DIBELS Benchmarking (EoY) Weeks 4 – 6<br><i>ORF, MAZE</i>               |                                |
|              | NAPLAN (Year 5) – 13 March – 25 March   |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 8 Test no. = Year level |          |   |                                |
| Year 7       | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 1 – 3<br>Identified sub-groups*<br><i>ORF, MAZE</i> |                              | DIBELS Benchmarking (MoY) Weeks 7 – 10<br>All students: <i>ORF, MAZE</i> |                                |  |          |   |                                |
|              | NAPLAN – 13 March – 25 March  |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 3 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 8 Test no. = Year level |          |   |                                |
| Year 8       | DIBELS Benchmarking (BoY) Weeks 2 – 4<br>All students: <i>ORF, MAZE</i>             |                              |  |                                |  |          |   |                                |
|              |   |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 4   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 4 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 9 Test no. = Year level |          | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 1 – 3  | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 1 – 3 |
| Years 9 - 10 | NAPLAN (Year 9) – 13 March – 25 March   |                              | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 2 – 4   | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 2 – 4 | PAT Spelling Weeks 7 – 9                       |          | PAT Reading Adaptive Weeks 1 – 3  | PAT Maths Adaptive Weeks 1 – 3 |

Windows of administration

Term 1 BoY Weeks 3-5

Term 2 MoY Weeks 7-10

Term 4 EoY Weeks 4-6



# The administration timeline

| Schedule of benchmarking assessments to be completed by each cohort |                   |  |                                 |   |                                    |                                |                                |      |
|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Grade   | Time of Year      | 2024   | LNF<br>Letter Naming<br>Fluency | PSF<br>Phoneme<br>Segmentation<br>Fluency | NWF<br>Nonsense<br>Word<br>Fluency | WRF<br>Word Reading<br>Fluency | ORF<br>Oral Reading<br>Fluency | MAZE |
| Kindergarten  | BOY<br>MOY<br>EOY | Tm1 Weeks 3 – 5<br>Tm 2 Weeks 7 – 10<br>Tm 4 Weeks 4 – 6 | x                               | x   | x                                  | x                              |                                |      |
| Grade 1   | BOY<br>MOY<br>EOY | Tm1 Weeks 3 – 5<br>Tm 2 Weeks 7 – 10<br>Tm 4 Weeks 4 – 6 | x                               | x   | x                                  | x                              | x                              |      |
| Grade 2   | BOY<br>MOY<br>EOY | Tm1 Weeks 3 – 5<br>Tm 2 Weeks 7 – 10<br>Tm 4 Weeks 4 – 6 |                                 |   | x                                  | x                              | x                              | x    |
| Grade 3   | BOY<br>MOY<br>EOY | Tm1 Weeks 3 – 5<br>Tm 2 Weeks 7 – 10<br>Tm 4 Weeks 4 – 6 |                                 |   | x                                  | x                              | x                              | x    |
| Grade 4/5/6   | BOY<br>MOY<br>EOY | Tm1 Weeks 3 – 5<br>Tm 2 Weeks 7 – 10<br>Tm 4 Weeks 4 – 6 |                                 |   |                                    |                                | x                              | x    |
| Grade 7<br>optional   | BOY<br>MOY        | Term 1 weeks 1 – 3<br>Term 2 weeks 7 – 10                |                                 |   |                                    |                                | x                              | x    |
| Grade 8<br>optional   | BOY               | Term 1 weeks 2 – 4                                       |                                 |   |                                    |                                | x                              | x    |

1 minute testing for each individual child



3 minutes, group administration

# How to implement DIBELS ?



Up to three times a year:

- Beginning Term 1 : weeks 3-5
- Middle Term 2: weeks 7-10
- End Term 4 : weeks 4-6

All measures are available for free download at the Centre on Teaching and Learning at the University of Oregon: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/> including the Administration Guideline, the Scoring Guide and the Australasian Version of reading passages for ORF & MAZE

Create a building-level team to facilitate the implementation of universal screening and progress monitoring.

Administration Time in minutes by grade and administration type

| Pattern    | K   | 1   | 2-3 | 4-8 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Individual | 4-6 | 5-7 | 4   | 2   |
| Group      | NA  | NA  | 5   | 5   |



Let's dig deeper

# Class Progress Summary - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: Example District  
 School: Example School 1  
 Grade: Fifth Grade  
 Year: 2019-2020  
 Class: 5th.example.A

**ORF-Words Correct:** Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct **ORF-Errors:** Oral Reading Fluency - Errors **ORF-Accuracy:** Oral Reading Fluency - Accuracy **Maze-Adjusted:** Maze - Adjusted Score **Composite:** DIBELS 8 Composite Score

| Student      | Beginning         |            |              |               |              | End               |            |              |               |              |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|              | ORF-Words Correct | ORF-Errors | ORF-Accuracy | Maze-Adjusted | Composite    | ORF-Words Correct | ORF-Errors | ORF-Accuracy | Maze-Adjusted | Composite    |
| A, Jimmy     | 69                | 10         | 87%          | 8             | 301          | 105               | 0          | 100%         | 27            | 419          |
| D, Ernie     | 85                |            |              |               |              |                   |            |              |               |              |
| F, Rosalia   | 98                | 7          | 93%          | 16            | 330          | 119               | 0          | 100%         | 35            | 433          |
| C, Maria     | 96                | 6          | 94%          | 12            | 328          | 126               | 0          | 100%         |               |              |
| G, Estelle   | 112               | 5          | 96%          | 17            | 344          | 129               | 0          | 100%         |               |              |
| E, Ric       | 101               | 7          | 94%          | 14            | 333          | 135               | 0          | 100%         |               |              |
| U, Victor    | 123               | 3          | 98%          | 20.5          | 355          | 136               | 1          | 99%          |               |              |
| M, Fausto    | 119               | 2          | 98%          | 22            | 351          | 137               | 0          | 100%         |               |              |
| N, Eldon     | 126               | 2          | 98%          | 20.5          | 358          | 139               | 1          | 99%          |               |              |
| Y, Rita      | 96                | 5          | 95%          | 18.5          | 329          | 139               | 1          | 99%          | 37.5          | 453          |
| H, Estafani  | 112               | 4          | 97%          | 18            | 344          | 140               | 0          | 100%         | 37            | 454          |
| I, Francis   | 116               |            |              |               | 347          | 141               | 0          | 100%         | 30            | 454          |
| K, Azura     | 144               |            |              |               | 376          | 142               | 0          | 100%         | 44            | 456          |
| L, Joel      | 128               |            |              |               | 359          | 147               | 0          | 100%         | 35            | 460          |
| O, John      | 152               |            |              |               | 382          | 149               | 0          | 100%         | 34            | 462          |
| P, James     | 126               |            |              |               | 357          | 149               | 0          | 100%         | 36            | 462          |
| Q, Huang     | 132               |            |              |               | 365          | 153               | 2          | 99%          | 49            | 468          |
| W, Gerry     | 110               | 5          | 96%          | 24.5          | 343          | 155               | 1          | 99%          | 43.5          | 469          |
| S, Ralph     | 118               | 3          | 98%          | 31            | 352          | 156               | 2          | 99%          | 50            | 471          |
| J, Wang      | 127               | 3          | 98%          | 21.5          | 359          | 160               | 1          | 99%          | 40.5          | 473          |
| <b>Mean:</b> | <b>114.5</b>      | <b>5.1</b> | <b>95%</b>   | <b>18.6</b>   | <b>346.6</b> | <b>138.6</b>      | <b>0.5</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>37.6</b>   | <b>452.4</b> |

Provide information about additional support needs (whole school MTSS)

Inform your classroom practice Strong Tier 1 core instruction can reduce the need for MTSS and help address achievement gaps.

**Legend** Core^ Support Core Support Strategic Support Intensive Support

# Non-Word Fluency (NWF)

- The ability to use letter-sound correspondences is essential to becoming a proficient reader.
- Nonsense words should only be used for assessment purposes!
- **Who is assessed?** Students in the beginning of K to the end of Year 3

Two scores available:

- CLS : Correct Letter Sounds
- WRC : Words Recoded Correctly



# Determining reading risk

| Kindergarten   |     |     | First grade |     |     | Second grade |      |      | Third grade |      |      |
|--|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|--------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|
| B  | M   | E   | B           | M   | E   | B            | M    | E    | B           | M    | E    |
| <b>Letter Naming Fluency (LNF)</b>                                 |     |     |             |     |     |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 25+  | 37+ | 42+ | 42+         | 57+ | 59+ |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 24   | 36  | 41  | 41          | 56  | 58  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 16   | 31  | 35  | 32          | 51  | 53  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 15   | 30  | 34  | 31          | 50  | 52  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 0  | 0   | 0   | 0           | 0   | 0   |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| <b>Phonemic Segmentation Fluency (PSF)</b>                         |     |     |             |     |     |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 15+  | 43+ | 53+ | 47+         | 57+ | 61+ |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 14   | 42  | 52  | 46          | 56  | 60  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 5  | 29  | 44  | 31          | 43  | 45  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 4  | 28  | 43  | 30          | 42  | 44  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 1  | 23  | 37  | 19          | 34  | 37  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 0  | 22  | 36  | 18          | 33  | 36  |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| <b>Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) – Correct Letter Sounds (CLS)</b>   |     |     |             |     |     |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| 20+  | 36+ | 49+ | 47+         | 78+ | 87+ | 86+          | 103+ | 117+ | 121+        | 138+ | 141+ |
| 19   | 35  | 48  | 46          | 77  | 86  | 85           | 102  | 116  | 120         | 137  | 140  |
| 9  | 25  | 31  | 30          | 52  | 55  | 50           | 68   | 76   | 76          | 94   | 105  |
| 8  | 24  | 30  | 29          | 51  | 54  | 49           | 67   | 75   | 75          | 93   | 104  |
| 4  | 16  | 24  | 25          | 41  | 45  | 41           | 54   | 54   | 52          | 78   | 80   |
| 3  | 15  | 23  | 24          | 40  | 44  | 40           | 53   | 53   | 51          | 77   | 79   |
| 0  | 0   | 0   | 0           | 0   | 0   | 0            | 0    | 0    | 0           | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) – Words Recoded Correctly (WRC)</b> |     |     |             |     |     |              |      |      |             |      |      |
| --   | 9+  | 13+ | 16+         | 26+ | 28+ | 25+          | 36+  | 39+  | 34+         | 46+  | 45+  |
| 1+   | 8   | 12  | 15          | 25  | 27  | 24           | 35   | 38   | 33          | 45   | 44   |
| 3  | 3   | 7   | 5           | 14  | 15  | 15           | 20   | 22   | 24          | 30   | 31   |
| 0  | 2   | 6   | 4           | 13  | 14  | 14           | 19   | 21   | 23          | 29   | 30   |
| --   | 1   | 4   | 1           | 10  | 11  | 10           | 15   | 17   | 18          | 23   | 24   |
| --   | 0   | 3   | 0           | 9   | 10  | 9            | 14   | 16   | 17          | 22   | 23   |
| --   | 0   | 0   | 0           | 0   | 0   | 0            | 0    | 0    | 0           | 0    | 0    |

Rosie is in Year 2 at the Middle of the Year

Her scores are: CLS = 71

WRC = 32

This places her in the \_\_\_\_\_ category of risk for CLS. She is at \_\_\_\_\_ risk for not achieving later benchmark goals.

This places her in the \_\_\_\_\_ category of risk for WRC. She is at \_\_\_\_\_ for not achieving later benchmark goals.

**Blue = Core support; negligible risk**

(nearly all students in this range score at or above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile rank on criterion measure)

**Green = Core support; minimal risk**

(about 80% of students who score at or above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile rank on criterion measure fall in this range or above)

**Yellow = Strategic support; Some risk**

(about 80% of students who score at or above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile rank on criterion measure fall in this range or below)

**Red range = Intensive Support; At risk**

(about 80% of students who score below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile rank on criterion measure fall in this range or below)

# Interpreting NWF results

|                                  |   |   |   |   | CLS | WRC |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
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| <u>/h/</u> <u>/e/</u> <u>/t/</u> | <u>/r/</u> <u>/e/</u> <u>/m/</u>            | <u>/t/</u> <u>/u/</u> <u>/m/</u>            | <u>/t/</u> <u>/i/</u> <u>/d/</u>            | <u>/h/</u> <u>/i/</u> <u>/g/</u>            | /15 | /5  |
| teb                              | wat   | har   | narb  | fem   | 14  | 5   |
| <u>/t/</u> <u>/e/</u> <u>/b/</u> | <u>/w/</u> <u>/a/</u> <u>/t/</u>            | <u>/h/</u> <u>/a/</u> <u>/r/</u>            | <u>/n/</u> <u>/a/</u> <u>/r/</u> <u>/b/</u> | <u>/f/</u> <u>/e/</u> <u>/m/</u>            | /14 | /5  |
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| <u>/f/</u> <u>/o/</u> <u>/d/</u> | <u>/m/</u> <u>/o/</u> <u>/m/</u>            | <u>/t/</u> <u>/i/</u> <u>/r/</u> <u>/t/</u> | <u>/n/</u> <u>/e/</u> <u>/r/</u> <u>/n/</u> | <u>/l/</u> <u>/o/</u> <u>/d/</u>            | /15 | /5  |
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## Middle of Year 2

- Read whole words
- Generally accurate responding
- Score fell in the Core support range. Student is at minimal risk for not achieving later benchmark goals
- Errors generally on vowel sounds in the middle of a word (short/long vowel confusion)
- Well established letter sound correspondences and decoding skills (knows most single sounds, reads VC, CVC, CVCC, r-controlled vowels)

# Class summary - example

Grade: First Grade - Middle  
 Year: 2023-2024  
 Class: 2023 1M

**LNF:** Letter Naming Fluency **PSF:** Phoneme Segmentation Fluency **NWF:** Nonsense Word Fluency **CLS:** Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds **WRC:** Nonsense Word Fluency - Words Recoded Correctly **WRF:** Word Reading Fluency **ORF:** Oral Reading Fluency **Words Correct:** Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct **Errors:** Oral Reading Fluency - Errors **Accuracy:** Oral Reading Fluency - Accuracy **Composite:** DIBELS 8 Composite Score

| Student         | LNF   |           | PSF   |           | NWF  |           |      | WRF       |       | ORF       |               |           |        |          | Composite |       |           |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|                 | Score | Status    | Score | Status    | CLS  | Status    | WRC  | Status    | Score | Status    | Words Correct | Status    | Errors | Accuracy | Status    | Score | Status    |
| Benchmark Goals | 57    |           | 43    |           | 52   |           | 14   |           | 7     |           | 21            |           |        | 87%      |           | 389   |           |
| Harriet         | 18    | Intensive | 47    | Core      | 23   | Intensive | 4    | Intensive |       | Intensive | 3             | Intensive | 7      | 30%      | Intensive | 358   | Intensive |
| Leon            | 15    | Intensive | 42    | Strategic | 41   | Strategic | 8    | Intensive | 1     | Intensive | 5             | Intensive | 11     | 31%      | Intensive | 367   | Intensive |
| Lily            | 33    | Intensive | 35    | Strategic | 36   | Intensive | 8    | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 6             | Intensive | 8      | 43%      | Intensive | 369   | Intensive |
| Jack            | 53    | Strategic | 38    | Strategic | 38   | Intensive | 9    | Intensive | 1     | Intensive | 5             | Intensive | 9      | 36%      | Intensive | 373   | Intensive |
| Isabelle        | 34    | Intensive | 52    | Core      | 26   | Intensive | 5    | Intensive | 7     | Core      | 20            | Strategic | 8      | 71%      | Strategic | 373   | Intensive |
| Archie          | 60    | Core      | 40    | Strategic | 53   | Core      | 14   | Core      | 9     | Core      | 18            | Strategic | 7      | 72%      | Strategic | 389   | Core      |
| Bentley         | 72    | Core      | 63    | Core^     | 47   | Strategic | 14   | Core      | 8     | Core      | 18            | Strategic | 7      | 72%      | Strategic | 390   | Core      |
| Levi            | 66    | Core      | 51    | Core      | 55   | Core      | 15   | Core      | 4     | Strategic | 20            | Strategic | 8      | 71%      | Strategic | 392   | Core      |
| Madilyn         | 46    | Intensive | 62    | Core^     | 62   | Core      | 19   | Core      | 4     | Strategic | 21            | Core      | 8      | 72%      | Strategic | 392   | Core      |
| Ava             | 90    | Core      | 65    | Core^     | 63   | Core      | 17   | Core      | 6     | Strategic | 23            | Core      | 7      | 77%      | Strategic | 402   | Core      |
| Olly            | 76    | Core      | 58    | Core^     | 78   | Core^     | 24   | Core      | 9     | Core      | 26            | Core      | 5      | 84%      | Strategic | 408   | Core      |
| Florence        | 60    | Core      | 64    | Core^     | 81   | Core^     | 21   | Core      | 2     | Core      | 30            | Core      | 3      | 91%      | Core      | 409   | Core      |
| William         | 60    | Core      | 55    | Core      | 78   | Core^     | 23   | Core      | 2     | Core      | 36            | Core      | 4      | 90%      | Core      | 410   | Core      |
| William         | 67    | Core      | 51    | Core      | 68   | Core      | 18   | Core      | 2     | Core      | 43            | Core      | 4      | 91%      | Core      | 410   | Core      |
| Patrick         | 70    | Core      | 61    | Core^     | 76   | Core      | 24   | Core      | 9     | Core      | 48            | Core      | 3      | 94%      | Core      | 419   | Core      |
| Sonny           | 59    | Core      | 51    | Core      | 57   | Core      | 15   | Core      | 1     | Core^     | 63            | Core^     | 3      | 95%      | Core      | 419   | Core      |
| Grace           | 71    | Core      | 68    | Core^     | 57   | Core      | 15   | Core      | 7     | Core      | 71            | Core^     | 1      | 99%      | Core      | 420   | Core      |
| Patrick         | 68    | Core      | 57    | Core^     | 42   | Strategic | 12   | Strategic | 5     | Core^     | 79            | Core^     | 2      | 98%      | Core      | 423   | Core      |
| Joshua          | 52    | Strategic | 47    | Core      | 75   | Core      | 26   | Core^     | 8     | Core^     | 73            | Core^     | 1      | 99%      | Core      | 431   | Core^     |
| Harry           | 63    | Core      | 67    | Core^     | 86   | Core^     | 25   | Core      | 6     | Core^     | 79            | Core^     | 2      | 98%      | Core      | 440   | Core^     |
| Jett            | 78    | Core      | 54    | Core      | 120  | Core^     | 40   | Core^     | 4     | Core^     | 71            | Core^     | 1      | 99%      | Core      | 457   | Core^     |
| Olive           | 95    | Core      | 66    | Core^     | 101  | Core^     | 30   | Core^     | 7     | Core^     | 104           | Core^     | 0      | 100%     | Core      | 472   | Core^     |
| Cody            | 94    | Core      | 64    | Core^     | 135  | Core^     | 42   | Core^     | 0     | Core^     | 76            | Core^     | 6      | 93%      | Core      | 473   | Core^     |
| Mean:           | 61.7  |           | 54.9  |           | 69.0 |           | 19.9 |           | 11.4  |           | 46.0          |           | 4.8    | 79.4%    |           | 413.3 |           |

**Legend**  
 Core^ Support Core Support Strategic Support Intensive Support \* = Tested Remotely

## Nonsense Word Fluency:

Students receive two scores for NWF: correct letter sounds (CLS) and words recoded correctly (WRC).

Student results are organized based on raw score and risk status.

The mean scores for the cohort are located at the bottom of each column.

# How are the cohort looking on the NWF subtest? What proportion of students are at risk for CLS and WRC?

## Class List - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: ██████████  
 School: ██████████  
 Grade: Kindergarten - Middle  
 Year: 2022-2023  
 Class: K██████████

DIBELS® Data System

14/23

11/23

**LNF:** Letter Naming Fluency **PSF:** Phoneme Segmentation Fluency **NWF:** Nonsense Word Fluency **CLS:** Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds **WRC:** Nonsense Word Fluency - Words Recoded Correctly **Composite:** DIBELS 8 Composite Score

| Student                | LNF   |           | PSF   |           | NWF  |           |     | WRC       |       |           | Composite |           |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | Score | Status    | Score | Status    | CLS  | Status    | WRC | Status    | Score | Status    | Score     | Status    |
| <b>Benchmark Goals</b> | 37    |           | 29    |           | 25   |           | 3   |           | 4     |           | 371       |           |
| ██████ Vinnie          | 2     | Intensive | 2     | Intensive | 4    | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 323       | Intensive |
| ██████ Tawana          | 1     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 7    | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 325       | Intensive |
| ██████ Chloe           | 1     | Intensive | 1     | Intensive | 7    | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 325       | Intensive |
| ██████ Revan           | 1     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 9    | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 327       | Intensive |
| ██████ Chace           | 4     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 13   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 332       | Intensive |
| ██████ Cali            | 23    | Intensive | 5     | Intensive | 6    | Intensive | 0   | Intensive | 2     | Strategic | 338       | Intensive |
| ██████ Ruby            | 20    | Intensive | 15    | Intensive | 19   | Strategic | 2   | Strategic | 0     | Intensive | 351       | Intensive |
| ██████ Scarlett        | 22    | Intensive | 10    | Intensive | 20   | Strategic | 1   | Strategic | 1     | Strategic | 352       | Intensive |
| ██████ Ayla            | 25    | Intensive | 10    | Intensive | 17   | Strategic | 0   | Intensive | 4     | Core      | 352       | Intensive |
| ██████ Daicon          | 3     | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 23   | Strategic | 5   | Core      | 4     | Core      | 356       | Strategic |
| ██████ Myah            | 12    | Intensive | 33    | Core      | 24   | Strategic | 3   | Core      | 0     | Intensive | 357       | Strategic |
| ██████ Rylee           | 20    | Intensive | 44    | Core^     | 18   | Strategic | 1   | Strategic | 0     | Intensive | 358       | Strategic |
| ██████ Marcus          | 30    | Intensive | 12    | Intensive | 23   | Strategic | 4   | Core      | 6     | Core      | 363       | Strategic |
| ██████ Sage            | 9     | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 30   | Core      | 8   | Core      | 3     | Strategic | 367       | Strategic |
| ██████ Austin          | 36    | Strategic | 14    | Intensive | 26   | Core      | 0   | Intensive | 5     | Core      | 368       | Strategic |
| ██████ Claire          | 19    | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 27   | Core      | 9   | Core^     | 2     | Strategic | 369       | Strategic |
| ██████ Kiyansh         | 32    | Strategic | 42    | Core      | 34   | Core      | 9   | Core^     | 4     | Core      | 382       | Core      |
| ██████ Zara            | 40    | Core      | 60    | Core^     | 23   | Strategic | 7   | Core      | 9     | Core      | 383       | Core      |
| ██████ Andrea          | 16    | Intensive | 75    | Core^     | 37   | Core^     | 11  | Core^     | 9     | Core      | 387       | Core      |
| ██████ Ryan            | 40    | Core      | 20    | Intensive | 45   | Core^     | 15  | Core^     | 9     | Core      | 395       | Core^     |
| ██████ Riyon           | 41    | Core      | 58    | Core^     | 35   | Core      | 11  | Core^     | 11    | Core^     | 396       | Core^     |
| ██████ Mila            | 30    | Intensive | 67    | Core^     | 44   | Core^     | 14  | Core^     | 7     | Core      | 400       | Core^     |
| ██████ Kaiden          | 21    | Intensive | 66    | Core^     | 50   | Core^     | 16  | Core^     | 12    | Core^     | 402       | Core^     |
| <b>Mean:</b>           | 26.5  |           | 34.3  |           | 32.2 |           | 8.2 |           | 10.3  |           | 377.7     |           |

**Legend**  
■ Core^ Support ■ Core Support ■ Strategic Support ■ Intensive Support \* = Tested Remotely



# Class summary : Kindergarten, Middle of the Year

Grade: Kindergarten - Middle  
 Year: 2022-2023  
 Class: K

**LNF:** Letter Naming Fluency **PSF:** Phoneme Segmentation Fluency **NWF:** Nonsense Word Fluency **CLS:** Nonsense Word Fluency - Words Recoded Correctly **WRC:** Word Reading Fluency **Composite:** DIBELS 8 Composite

| Student                | LNF   |           | PSF   |           | NWF |           |     |           |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
|                        | Score | Status    | Score | Status    | CLS | Status    | WRC | Status    |
| <b>Benchmark Goals</b> | 37    |           | 29    |           | 25  |           | 3   |           |
| Vinnie                 | 2     | Intensive | 2     | Intensive | 4   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Tawana                 | 1     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Chloe                  | 1     | Intensive | 1     | Intensive | 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Revan                  | 1     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 9   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Chace                  | 4     | Intensive | 0     | Intensive | 13  | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Cali                   | 23    | Intensive | 5     | Intensive | 6   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| Ruby                   | 20    | Intensive | 15    | Intensive | 19  | Strategic | 2   | Strategic |
| Scarlett               | 22    | Intensive | 10    | Intensive | 20  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| Ayla                   | 25    | Intensive | 10    | Intensive | 17  | Strategic | 0   | Intensive |
| Daicon                 | 3     | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 23  | Strategic | 5   | Core      |
| Myah                   | 12    | Intensive | 33    | Core      | 24  | Strategic | 3   | Core      |
| Rylee                  | 20    | Intensive | 44    | Core^     | 18  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| Marcus                 | 30    | Intensive | 12    | Intensive | 23  | Strategic | 4   | Core      |
| Sage                   | 9     | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 30  | Core      | 8   | Core      |
| Austin                 | 36    | Strategic | 14    | Intensive | 26  | Core      | 0   | Intensive |
| Claire                 | 19    | Intensive | 48    | Core^     | 27  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| Kiyansh                | 32    | Strategic | 42    | Core      | 34  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| Zara                   | 40    | Core      | 60    | Core^     | 23  | Strategic | 7   | Core      |
| Andrea                 | 16    | Intensive | 75    | Core^     | 37  | Core^     | 11  | Core^     |
| Ryan                   | 40    | Core      | 20    | Intensive | 45  | Core^     | 15  | Core^     |
| Riyon                  | 41    | Core      | 58    | Core^     | 35  | Core      | 11  | Core^     |
| Mila                   | 30    | Intensive | 67    | Core^     | 44  | Core^     | 14  | Core^     |
| Kaiden                 | 21    | Intensive | 66    | Core^     | 50  | Core^     | 16  | Core^     |
| <b>Mean:</b>           | 26.5  |           | 34.3  |           |     |           |     |           |

**Legend**  
 Core^ Support    Core Support    Strategic Support    Intensive Support    \* = Tested Remotely

- Does it appear that the **whole group instruction** is generally working for the majority of students?
- What **small groups** would you create based on patterns of student performance on the NWF measure?
- What **further information** would you need to plan next steps for instruction?

by NWF: Nonsense Word Fluency CLS: Nonsense Word Reading Fluency Composite: DIBELS 8 Composite

| NWF |           |     |           |
|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| CLS | Status    | WRC | Status    |
| 25  |           | 3   |           |
| 4   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 9   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 13  | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 6   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 19  | Strategic | 2   | Strategic |
| 20  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| 17  | Strategic | 0   | Intensive |
| 23  | Strategic | 5   | Core      |
| 24  | Strategic | 3   | Core      |
| 18  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| 23  | Strategic | 4   | Core      |
| 30  | Core      | 8   | Core      |
| 26  | Core      | 0   | Intensive |
| 27  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| 34  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| 23  | Strategic | 7   | Core      |
| 37  | Core^     | 11  | Core^     |
| 45  | Core^     | 15  | Core^     |
| 35  | Core      | 11  | Core^     |
| 44  | Core^     | 14  | Core^     |
| 50  | Core^     | 16  | Core^     |

- Does it appear that the **whole group instruction** is generally working for the majority of students?
  - 14/23 students are below the benchmark goal on the NWF-CLS measure
  - 11/23 are below on the benchmark goal on the NWF-WRC measure
  - Whole class instruction isn't meeting the needs of the majority of the students in the class
  - Indicates a need to examine how phonics instruction has been provided
- What **small groups** would you create based on patterns of student performance on the NWF measure?
  - Students in yellow and red could be grouped together based on intensity need for 20-40 minutes of Tier 2 phonics instruction
  - 3-5 session per week
  - Focus on priority skills: letter-sound correspondences, reading regular words, high-frequency words and decodable texts
  - Intensive, systematic instruction in small groups

by **NWF**: Nonsense Word Fluency **CLS**: Nonsense Word  
 Reading Fluency **Composite**: DIBELS 8 Composite

| NWF |           |     |           |
|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| CLS | Status    | WRC | Status    |
| 25  |           | 3   |           |
| 4   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 7   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 9   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 13  | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 6   | Intensive | 0   | Intensive |
| 19  | Strategic | 2   | Strategic |
| 20  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| 17  | Strategic | 0   | Intensive |
| 23  | Strategic | 5   | Core      |
| 24  | Strategic | 3   | Core      |
| 18  | Strategic | 1   | Strategic |
| 23  | Strategic | 4   | Core      |
| 30  | Core      | 8   | Core      |
| 26  | Core      | 0   | Intensive |
| 27  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| 34  | Core      | 9   | Core^     |
| 23  | Strategic | 7   | Core      |
| 37  | Core^     | 11  | Core^     |
| 45  | Core^     | 15  | Core^     |
| 35  | Core      | 11  | Core^     |
| 44  | Core^     | 14  | Core^     |
| 50  | Core^     | 16  | Core^     |

3. What **further information** would you need to plan next steps for instruction?

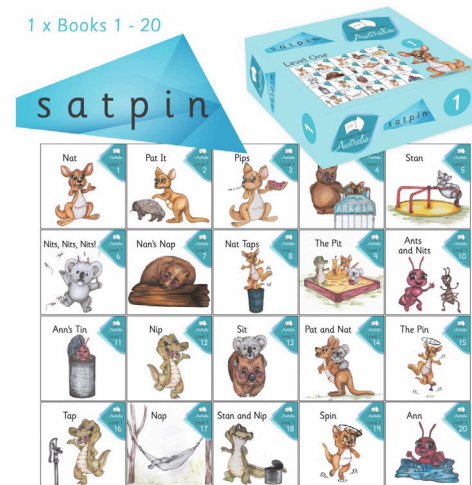
- Additional assessment of phonics skills may be useful, for example the Phonics Books Diagnostic Assessment Sheet (download [here](#))
- Analyse the built-in monitoring data and/or cumulative review within your reading program and identify the parts of the code the students don't master, identify gaps to fill.
- Check the results of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Any mastery test data available?
- Additional assessment of phonemic awareness may be of benefit too, see PSF in DIBELS for example

# Planning phonics instruction

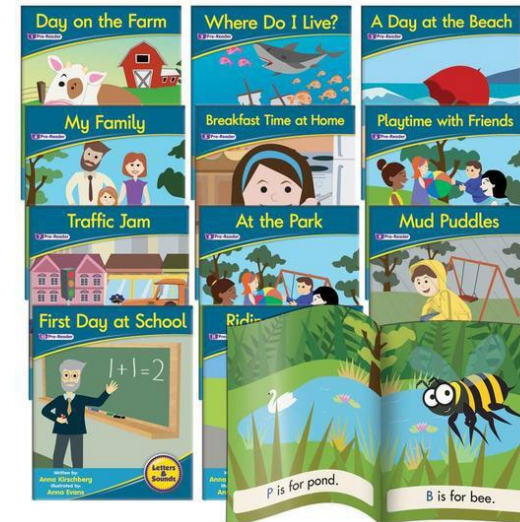
- If deliver Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) program: ensure high integrity and fidelity of implementation
- Teach : letter sound correspondences, regular words, HFW, Decodable texts (See options below)



InitialLit Readers



Decodable Readers  
Australia



Phonics Australia



Little Learners Love  
Literacy



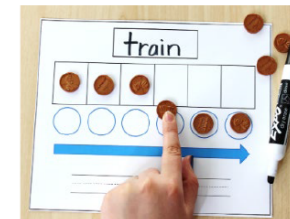
# A note about Decodable Texts

- Decodables are designed to **support** reading development, not to be rich literature
- **Supplement** the types of texts students read independently and with adults based on the skills you teach
- Read to students frequently and provide opportunities for them to **hear models of accurate and fluent reading**
- **Oral language and vocabulary examples** should be provided beyond decodable text examples
- For older struggling readers, use *Catch-Up Readers*



## DIBELS Goal Setting – suggested instructional strategies

| Big Ideas of reading                     | Year levels |   |   |   |       | Measures  | Suggested strategies to address area of need when students below benchmark   |
|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------|---|--|
|  | K           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 - 6 |   |  |
| PA<br>Alphabetic principle               |             |   |   |   |       | LNF : Letter Name Fluency<br>Name letters accurately and fluently   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LNF is a goal not a strategy</li> </ul>   |
|  |             |   |   |   |       | PSF: Phonemic Segmentation Fluency<br>Assesses student's ability to segment sounds in words with two to five sounds   | Phonological skills developed along a <b>progression</b> from easy to more complex (basic to advanced) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segmenting sentences into words</li> <li>Clapping words in a sentence</li> <li>Segmenting words into syllables</li> <li>Segmenting words into onset-rime, rhyming and alliteration</li> <li>Build <b>phonemic awareness</b> (isolation, blending, segmenting, deletion, addition, substitution)</li> </ul>   |
| Phonics Knowledge & alphabetic principle |             |   |   |   |       | NWF: Nonsense Word Fluency<br>Assesses student's ability to use their knowledge of letter-sound correspondences to decode, or phonologically recode, unknown words. | Building <b>phonemic awareness</b> knowledge and skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying, isolating, blending phonemes (sounds) activities</li> <li>deleting/ adding and manipulating phonemes: short simple words to longer more complex words activities</li> <li>Elkonin boxes (sound boxes) with counters to strengthen phoneme identification and isolation, as well as blending</li> </ul> Targeted support to learn the <b>alphabetic code</b> (basic to extended code) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explicitly teach unknown PGCs (following a logical scope and sequence)</li> <li>Revise/consolidate PGCs through guided practice, including alternate spelling patterns</li> <li>Practice to develop fluency for high frequency words (decodable and irregular)</li> <li>Elkonin boxes with letters to strengthen phoneme-grapheme correspondence (PGC)</li> <li>Practice using decodable texts (aligned to the scope and sequence)</li> <li>Consolidation activities to build orthographic mapping</li> <li>Spelling/pronunciation rules for PGC position (e.g. The K vs CK rule: If the /k/ sound falls at the end of the word, and the /k/ is immediately preceded by a short vowel sound, it is spelled ck. If the /k/ sound is immediately preceded by a long vowel sound or consonant, it is spelled with k.)</li> </ul> |
|  |             |   |   |   |       | WRF: Word Reading Fluency<br>Assesses students' ability to fluently read sight words out of context & read sight words with regular and irregular patterns          | Fluency is underpinned by Phonological and Phonemic Awareness.<br>Build phonemic awareness knowledge and skills (basic to advanced): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying, isolating, blending phonemes (sounds) activities</li> <li>deleting/ adding and manipulating phonemes: short simple words to longer more complex words activities</li> <li>Elkonin boxes with counters to strengthen phoneme identification and isolation, as well as blending</li> <li>Word chaining, e.g. - bright, fright, slight, sight, sigh</li> <li>Close word sort where students read words and sort them based upon their patterns. In the example above, students sort words based upon their initial blend. See image 'sort for vCe spelling'</li> </ul> Build <b>fluency of phoneme-grapheme correspondence</b> (PGC)/ strengthening reading reflex: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>flash cards/ word games/ targeted activities</li> <li>high frequency decodable words</li> </ul>   |



Spelling Sort for vCe Spellings

| iCe  | aCe  | uCe  | Other |
|------|------|------|-------|
|      |      |      |       |
| bite | size | side | plane |
| ate  | same | line | bone  |
| give | save | eve  | tide  |

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- All grades status (school & system)
- Class progress summary
- Summary of effectiveness by class/by school
- Parent report
- For students in 3-6 that have difficulty in decoding skills, you can turn on the Progress Monitoring option to enable assessment of underlying skills.

# How many students are meeting grade level reading goals?

2019-2020 All Grades Status - DIBELS 8th Edition  
District: Example District

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| Grade | Beginning  | Middle   | End   |
|-------|--|--|---|
| K     | n=79<br>43 (54%)<br>12 (15%)<br>13 (16%)<br>11 (14%)     | n=81<br>12 (15%)<br>38 (47%)<br>27 (33%)<br>4 (5%)       | n=81<br>0 (0%)<br>31 (38%)<br>43 (53%)<br>7 (9%)        |
| 1st   | n=69<br>6 (9%)<br>20 (29%)<br>36 (52%)<br>7 (10%)        | n=69<br>5 (7%)<br>23 (33%)<br>33 (48%)<br>8 (12%)        | n=64<br>10 (16%)<br>10 (16%)<br>36 (56%)<br>8 (13%)     |
| 2nd   | n=74<br>13 (18%)<br>11 (15%)<br>24 (32%)<br>26 (35%)     | n=74<br>7 (9%)<br>19 (26%)<br>24 (32%)<br>24 (32%)       | n=83<br>18 (22%)<br>16 (19%)<br>19 (23%)<br>30 (36%)    |
| 3rd   | n=23<br>13 (57%)<br>7 (30%)<br>1 (4%)<br>2 (9%)          | n=24<br>7 (29%)<br>10 (42%)<br>6 (25%)<br>1 (4%)         | n=99<br>29 (29%)<br>18 (18%)<br>24 (24%)<br>28 (28%)    |
| 4th   | n=72<br>9 (13%)<br>5 (7%)<br>38 (53%)<br>20 (28%)        | n=72<br>9 (13%)<br>15 (21%)<br>35 (49%)<br>13 (18%)      | n=60<br>9 (15%)<br>2 (3%)<br>33 (55%)<br>16 (27%)       |
| 5th   | n=72<br>2 (3%)<br>12 (17%)<br>29 (40%)<br>29 (40%)       | n=72<br>4 (6%)<br>10 (14%)<br>27 (38%)<br>31 (43%)       | n=74<br>8 (11%)<br>5 (7%)<br>21 (28%)<br>40 (54%)       |
| 6th   | n=75<br>11 (15%)<br>15 (20%)<br>26 (35%)<br>23 (31%)     | n=75<br>8 (11%)<br>13 (17%)<br>32 (43%)<br>22 (29%)      | n=75<br>6 (8%)<br>8 (11%)<br>23 (31%)<br>38 (51%)       |
| 7th   | n=72<br>13 (18%)<br>17 (24%)<br>23 (32%)<br>19 (26%)     | n=72<br>14 (19%)<br>16 (22%)<br>24 (33%)<br>18 (25%)     | n=72<br>7 (10%)<br>8 (11%)<br>26 (36%)<br>31 (43%)      |
| 8th   | No students with data.                                   | No students with data.                                   | No students with data.                                  |
| All   | n=536<br>110 (21%)<br>99 (18%)<br>190 (35%)<br>137 (26%) | n=539<br>66 (12%)<br>144 (27%)<br>208 (39%)<br>121 (22%) | n=608<br>87 (14%)<br>98 (16%)<br>225 (37%)<br>198 (33%) |

Legend n = Number of Students Intensive Support Strategic Support Core Support Core^ Support

All Grade Status

## Class Progress Summary - DIBELS 8th Edition

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District: Example District  
School: Example School 1  
Grade: Fifth Grade  
Year: 2019-2020  
Class: 5th.example.A

ORF-Words Correct: Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct ORF-Errors: Oral Reading Fluency - Errors ORF-Accuracy: Oral Reading Fluency - Accuracy Maze-Adjusted: Maze - Adjusted Score Composite: DIBELS 8 Composite Score

| Student     | Beginning         |            |              |               |           | End               |            |              |               |           |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
|             | ORF-Words Correct | ORF-Errors | ORF-Accuracy | Maze-Adjusted | Composite | ORF-Words Correct | ORF-Errors | ORF-Accuracy | Maze-Adjusted | Composite |
| A, Jimmy    | 69                | 10         | 87%          | 8             | 301       | 105               | 0          | 100%         | 27            | 419       |
| D, Ernie    | 85                | 8          | 91%          | 14            | 318       | 115               | 0          | 100%         | 33            | 429       |
| F, Rosalia  | 98                | 7          | 93%          | 16            | 330       | 119               | 0          | 100%         | 35            | 433       |
| C, Maria    | 96                | 6          | 94%          | 12            | 328       | 126               | 0          | 100%         | 31            | 439       |
| G, Estelle  | 112               | 5          | 96%          | 17            | 344       | 129               | 0          | 100%         | 36            | 443       |
| E, Ric      | 101               | 7          | 94%          | 14            | 333       | 135               | 0          | 100%         | 33            | 448       |
| U, Victor   | 123               | 3          | 98%          | 20.5          | 355       | 136               | 1          | 99%          | 39.5          | 450       |
| M, Fausto   | 119               | 2          | 98%          | 22            | 351       | 137               | 0          | 100%         | 41            | 451       |
| N, Eldon    | 126               | 2          | 98%          | 20.5          | 358       | 139               | 1          | 99%          | 39.5          | 453       |
| Y, Rita     | 96                | 5          | 95%          | 18.5          | 329       | 139               | 1          | 99%          | 37.5          | 453       |
| H, Estafani | 112               | 4          | 97%          | 18            | 344       | 140               | 0          | 100%         | 37            | 454       |
| I, Francis  | 116               | 11         | 91%          | 11            | 347       | 141               | 0          | 100%         | 30            | 454       |
| K, Azura    | 144               | 4          | 97%          | 25            | 376       | 142               | 0          | 100%         | 44            | 456       |
| L, Joel     | 128               | 5          | 96%          | 16            | 359       | 147               | 0          | 100%         | 35            | 460       |
| O, John     | 152               | 2          | 99%          | 15            | 382       | 149               | 0          | 100%         | 34            | 462       |
| P, James    | 126               | 3          | 98%          | 17            | 357       | 149               | 0          | 100%         | 36            | 462       |
| Q, Huang    | 132               | 7          | 95%          | 30            | 365       | 153               | 2          | 99%          | 49            | 468       |
| W, Gerry    | 110               | 5          | 96%          | 24.5          | 343       | 155               | 1          | 99%          | 43.5          | 469       |
| S, Ralph    | 118               | 3          | 98%          | 31            | 352       | 156               | 2          | 99%          | 50            | 471       |
| J, Wang     | 127               | 3          | 98%          | 21.5          | 359       | 160               | 1          | 99%          | 40.5          | 473       |
| Mean:       | 114.5             | 5.1        | 95%          | 18.6          | 346.6     | 138.6             | 0.5        | 100%         | 37.6          | 452.4     |

Legend Core^ Support Core Support Strategic Support Intensive Support

Class Progress Summary

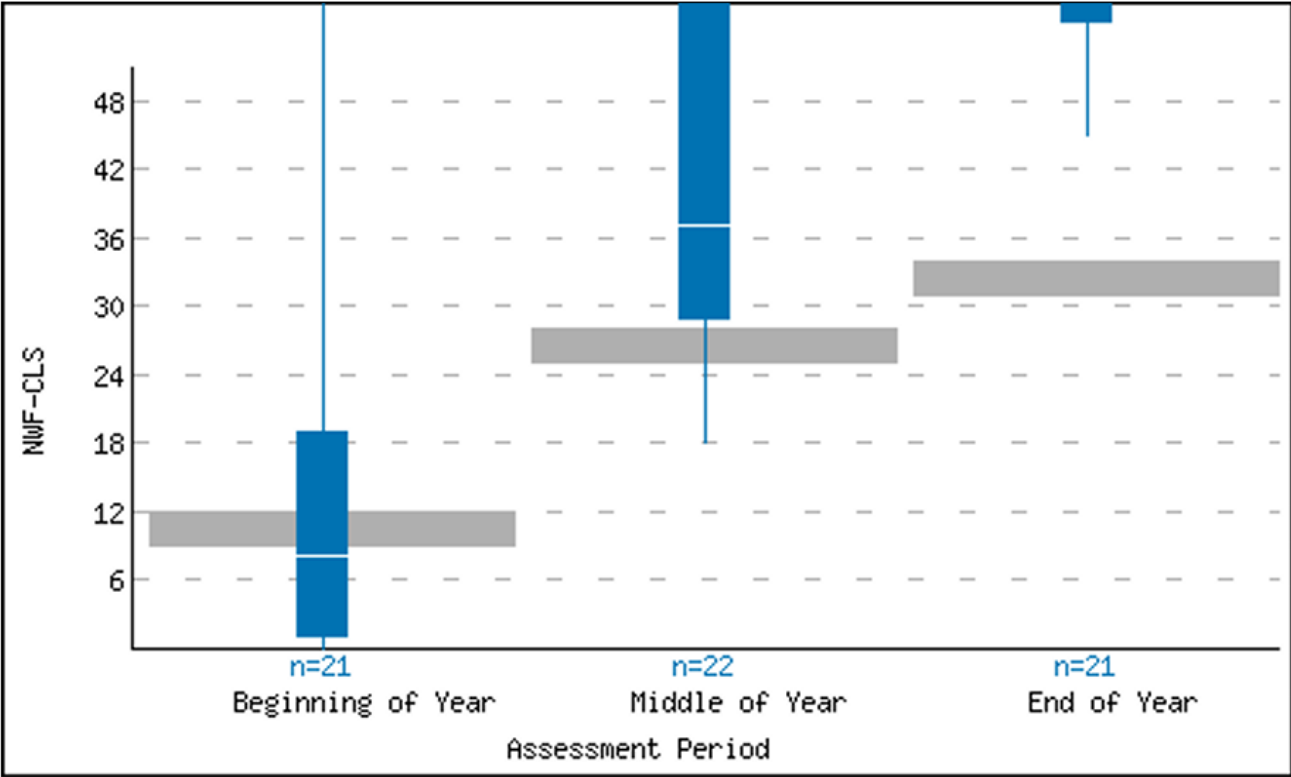


# How much growth has there been?

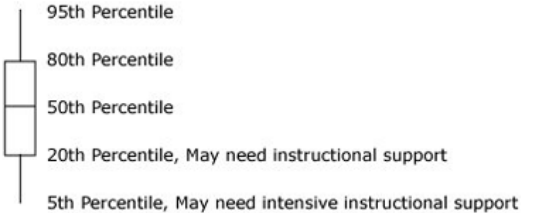
## Yearly Box Plot - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn  
 School:  
 Grade: Kindergarten  
 Year: 2023-2024  
 Measure: Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds

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|                  | Beginning | Middle | End  |
|------------------|-----------|--------|------|
| 2023             | n=21      | n=22   | n=21 |
| 95th %tile Score | 91        | 139    | 191  |
| 80th %tile Score | 19        | 59     | 117  |
| 50th %tile Score | 8         | 37     | 87   |
| 20th %tile Score | 1         | 29     | 55   |
| 5th %tile Score  | 0         | 18     | 45   |



Yearly Box Plot

Options: school/system/cohort/class for each sub measure

# How effective is your instruction?

## Summary of Effectiveness by District - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: Example District  
 School: All Schools  
 Date: 2019-2020  
 Step: Beginning of 1st Grade to End of 1st Grade  
 Measure: DIBELS 8 Composite Score

| Beginning of First Grade Composite Score to End of First Grade Benchmark Status on Composite | Intensive Support at Beginning of Year to End of Year |           |            | End Year Intensive |
|--|---|-----------|------------|--------------------|
|  | Intensive   | Strategic | Core/Core^ |                    |
| <b>Example District</b>  | 5 Students Intensive at Beginning of 1st              |           |            | 15 Stu             |
|  | 9.8% of Total Students                                |           |            |                    |
| Count  | 2   | 1         | 2          |                    |
| % of Composite Score   | 40%   | 20%       | 40%        |                    |
| % of Total   | 3.9%  | 2%        | 3.9%       |                    |
| <b>Example School 1</b>  | 2 Students Intensive at Beginning of 1st              |           |            | 9 Stu              |
|  | 9.5% of Total Students                                |           |            |                    |
| Count  | 1   | 0         | 1          |                    |
| % of Composite Score   | 50%   | 0%        | 50%        |                    |
| % of Total   | 4.8%  | 0%        | 4.8%       |                    |
| <b>Example School 2</b>  | 3 Students Intensive at Beginning of 1st              |           |            | 6 Stu              |
|  | 10% of Total Students                                 |           |            |                    |
| Count  | 1   | 1         | 1          |                    |
| % of Composite Score   | 33.3%   | 33.3%     | 33.3%      |                    |
| % of Total   | 3.3%  | 3.3%      | 3.3%       |                    |

## Summary of Effectiveness by District

## Summary of Effectiveness By Class by Class - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: Example District 2  
 School: School 1  
 Date: 2018-2019  
 Step: Beginning of 3rd Grade to End of 3rd Grade  
 Class: sch1.cls3 C

| Effectiveness of Intensive Program            |                      |                |                   | Effectiveness of Strategic Program           |                      |                |                   | Effectiveness of Core Program            |                      |                |                   |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 14 Students at Intensive at Beginning of Year | Beginning Score: ORF | End Score: ORF | End Level Reached | 5 Students at Strategic at Beginning of Year | Beginning Score: ORF | End Score: ORF | End Level Reached | 15 Students at Core at Beginning of Year | Beginning Score: ORF | End Score: ORF | End Level Reached |
| Martinez, Erich                               | 36                   | 60             | Intensive         | Lynch, Veronica                              | 66                   | 59             | Intensive         | Burnett, Shonda                          | 78                   | 93             | Intensive         |
| Hicks, Ebony                                  | 43                   | 64             | Intensive         | Martin, Candy                                | 69                   | 76             | Intensive         | Bullock, Barry                           | 78                   | 98             | Intensive         |
| Montana, Larry                                | 38                   | 67             | Intensive         | Weaver, Willard                              | 64                   | 101            | Intensive         | Garner, Gerardo                          | 85                   | 106            | Strategic         |
| Norris, Darrel                                | 47                   | 81             | Intensive         | Ramsey, Kelley                               | 71                   | 104            | Strategic         | Bautista, Harry                          | 77                   | 107            | Strategic         |
| Henry, Tomasa                                 | 51                   | 83             | Intensive         | Walsh, Lester                                | 70                   | 108            | Strategic         | Browning, Mary                           | 80                   | 109            | Strategic         |
| Richmond, Naomi                               | 56                   | 104            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Conway, Ollie                            | 84                   | 109            | Strategic         |
| Sims, Tara                                    | 58                   | 104            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Fuller, Clyde                            | 80                   | 114            | Core              |
| Tyler, Sandi                                  | 60                   | 104            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Anderson, Alex                           | 78                   | 115            | Core              |
| Robles, Devon                                 | 55                   | 106            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Beck, Jewel                              | 90                   | 116            | Core              |
| Wagner, Andy                                  | 59                   | 109            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Blackburn, Florence                      | 85                   | 116            | Core              |
| Streeter, Maya                                | 57                   | 112            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Cobb, Mildred                            | 77                   | 116            | Core              |
| Nunes, Earle                                  | 60                   | 113            | Strategic         |  |                      |                |                   | Foster, Janelle                          | 86                   | 116            | Core              |
| Rich, Juan                                    | 57                   | 114            | Core              |  |                      |                |                   | Butcher, Chad                            | 92                   | 120            | Core              |
| Singh, Rosemarie                              | 56                   | 114            | Core              |  |                      |                |                   | Conley, Inez                             | 90                   | 121            | Core              |
|   |                      |                |                   |  |                      |                |                   | Davenport, Rene                          | 76                   | 123            | Core              |

|          | Intensive | Strategic | Core   |          | Intensive | Strategic | Core  |          | Intensive | Strategic | Core   |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Count:   | 5 / 14    | 7 / 14    | 2 / 14 | Count:   | 3 / 5     | 2 / 5     | 0 / 5 | Count:   | 2 / 15    | 4 / 15    | 9 / 15 |
| Percent: | 35.7%     | 50%       | 14.3%  | Percent: | 60%       | 40%       | 0%    | Percent: | 13.3%     | 26.7%     | 60%    |

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## Summary of Effectiveness by Class

# What instructional groupings should I make?

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## 2018 Instructional Grouping - DIBELS 8th Edition

District: Example District 2  
Classroom: sch1.cls1 A

School: School 1  
First Grade Middle of Year

**Group 1: Likely to need continued good instruction at Tier 1 or Tier 2. Re-assess at the next benchmark window.**

**Group 2: The alphabetic principle is marked as at-risk. Intervention is recommended, along with interim progress monitoring (i.e., once or twice per month).**

**Group 3: Fluency with *reading connected text* is marked as at-risk. Intervention is recommended, along with interim progress monitoring (i.e., once or twice per month).**

**Group 4: Marked as at-risk in regard to fluency with *reading connected text* and the alphabetic principle. Recommend intensive intervention supports and weekly progress monitoring.**

Interventionist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Interventionist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Interventionist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Interventionist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

| ORF: At or above 18<br>NWF-CLS: At or above 49* |     |     | ORF: At or above 18<br>NWF-CLS: At or below 48* |     |     | ORF: At or below 17<br>NWF-CLS: At or above 49* |     |     | ORF: At or below 17<br>NWF-CLS: At or below 48* |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|
| Student   | ORF | CLS | Student   | ORF | CLS | Student   | ORF | CLS | Student   | ORF | CLS |
| Ervin A.  | 18  | 50  |   |     |     | Ina G.  | 10  | 53  | Helene B. *                                     | 0   | 1   |
| Fern I.   | 18  | 54  |   |     |     | Santos M.                                       | 12  | 53  | Karin C. *                                      | 9   | 45  |
| Brittney H.                                     | 19  | 50  |   |     |     | Clint H.  | 13  | 51  | Janelle D. *                                    | 10  | 22  |
| Etta H.   | 19  | 50  |   |     |     | Corinne B.                                      | 13  | 53  | Gilberto M. *                                   | 11  | 33  |
| Maude D.  | 19  | 51  |   |     |     | Josh D.   | 14  | 49  | Ismael D. *                                     | 12  | 23  |
| Wilfred P.                                      | 19  | 51  |   |     |     | Dominique A.                                    | 14  | 54  | Gale A. *                                       | 12  | 40  |
| Estella F. *                                    | 19  | 52  |   |     |     | Jessie S.                                       | 15  | 50  | Francisca S. *                                  | 13  | 18  |
| Tomas L.  | 19  | 54  |   |     |     | Ingrid V.                                       | 15  | 54  |   |     |     |
| Hugo G.   | 20  | 49  |   |     |     | Brandon L.                                      | 16  | 49  |   |     |     |
| Ignacio W.                                      | 20  | 51  |   |     |     | Aurora M. *                                     | 17  | 52  |   |     |     |
| Lesley D.                                       | 20  | 52  |   |     |     | Goldie T.                                       | 17  | 52  |   |     |     |
| Toby T.   | 20  | 52  |   |     |     |   |     |     |   |     |     |
| Eugenia C.                                      | 21  | 54  |   |     |     |   |     |     |   |     |     |
| Elva S.   | 23  | 53  |   |     |     |   |     |     |   |     |     |
| Iva K.  | 25  | 54  |   |     |     |   |     |     |   |     |     |

1 2 3

# Guidelines for providing tiered instruction and intervention

| Level of Support    | Intervention Requirements  |
|---------------------|--|
| Intensive<br>3-5%   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 + Tier 3 intervention with evidence-based, explicit instruction (1:1 or 1:2).</li><li>• Individualised data based with multi-skill focus (needs-based)</li><li>• Intensify intervention by increasing dosage, duration and frequency</li><li>• 45-60 minutes 5 times a week</li><li>• Weekly progress monitoring proportionally to the level of frequency and intensity of the intervention</li></ul> |
| Strategic<br>10-15% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 + Tier 2 intervention with evidence-based, explicit instruction</li><li>• Intensive, systematic instruction in small groups</li><li>• Specific skill focus (needs-based)</li><li>• 20-40 minutes 3-5 times a week</li><li>• Progress monitoring should occur every 2–4 weeks, with a clear exit plan in place.</li></ul>  |
| Core<br>80%         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 evidence-based explicit and differentiated instruction provided to all students</li><li>• Reflect grade level standards</li><li>• Ongoing formative assessment and benchmark assessment</li></ul>   |
| Core Plus           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 whole class instruction + Provide extension work or/and enrichment program</li><li>• More capable students would benefit from delayed feedback with fading scaffolding (assuming the foundations skills are firm!)</li></ul>  |



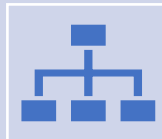
What if Tier 1 isn't successful in meeting the needs of at least 80% of the school's population?



- Evaluate the quality of curriculum and delivery
- Create a better match between students' needs and the core curriculum and instruction



improve  
explicit  
instruction

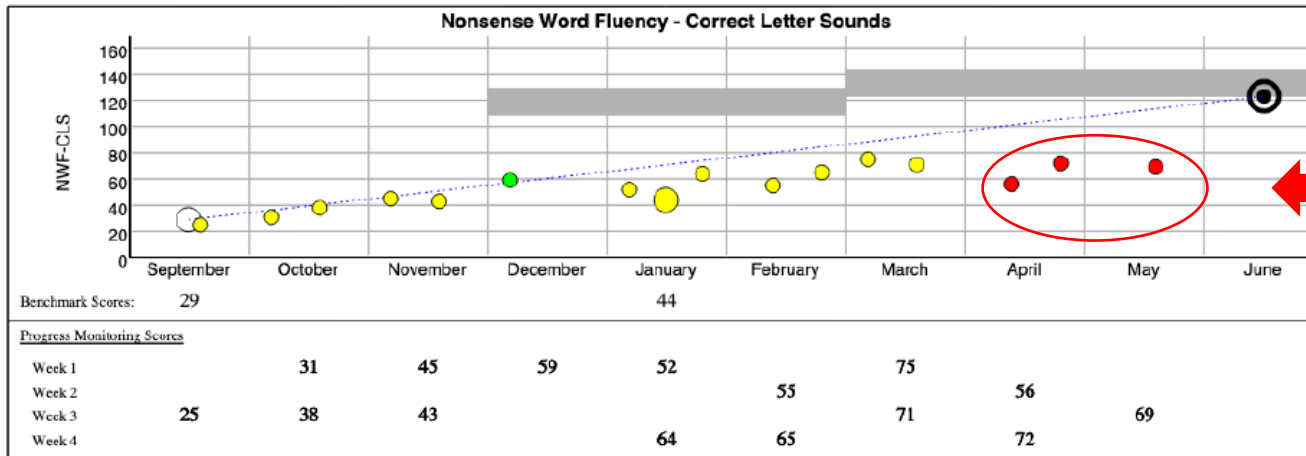


Use flexible  
groupings



Maximise  
time-on task  
and increase  
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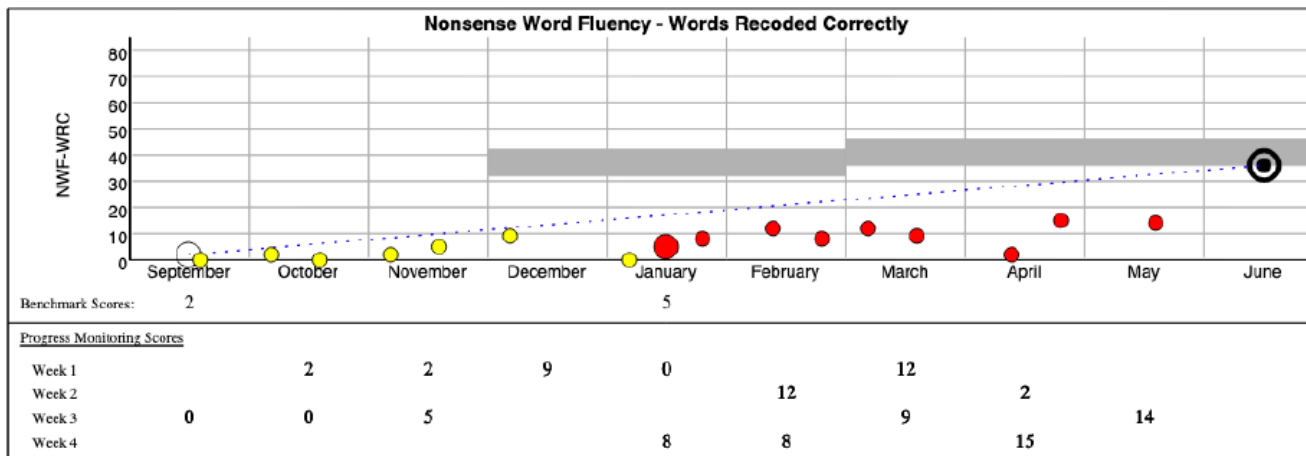
# DIBELS as a Progress Monitoring tool



*What is happening?*

*Why is the student not responding to the intervention?*

*What now?*



Require more intensive and tailored intervention

Research has shown progress monitoring to be a reliable and valid predictor of student achievement.

# Communicate with parents

**2018-2019 Parent Report** - DIBELS 8th Edition  
Class: sch1.cls3 A District: Example District 2  
Grade: Third Grade School: School 1

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## Mata, Elia

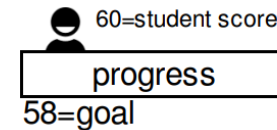
This report shows the results from reading screening assessments used by your district.

### Practice at home

Reading with students can help build vocabulary, fluency and reading comprehension skills.

### How to read this report

Your student's score is placed on the progress bar in relation to the expected goal.



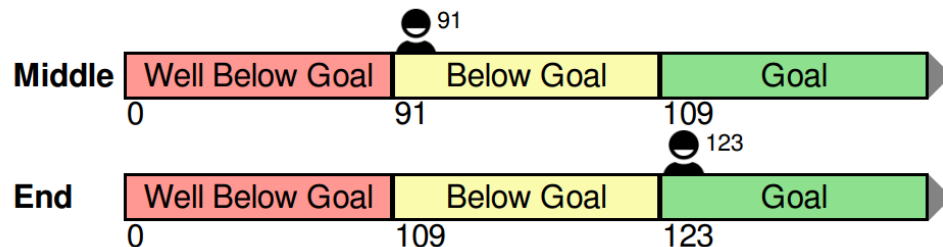
**PM** = Progress monitoring

**National percentile:** Compares your student's score to other scores in our national sample.

### ***Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds***

NWF-CLS measures basic phonics skills. Your student's score is at or above the goal. They are on track with basic phonics skills.

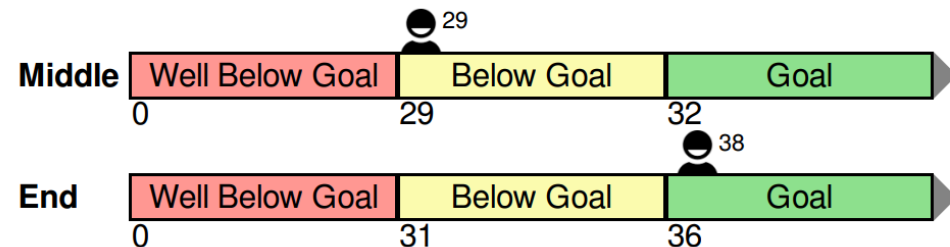
**End score: 123 (Met Goal)**



### ***Nonsense Word Fluency - Words Recoded Correctly***

NWF-WRC measures basic phonics and blending skills. Your student's score is at or above the goal. They are on track in sound blending.

**End score: 38 (Met Goal)**



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## Knowing where we are

- How are students doing?

## Knowing where we are going

- What do we want students to do?

## And . . . Knowing if we have arrived

- How are students doing?



Making good data-based decisions to improve reading outcomes!

# Reflection & Questions



|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Important points | New ideas                     |
| Questions ?      | Action plans (where to next?) |



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Example of evidence-based practices applied in real school contexts. School experiences and perspectives



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