



## DIBELS Scoring Information for Families

**DIBELS** stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS is a series of short, quick assessments that some schools use to determine if students may be struggling with reading and need additional help. Teachers use DIBELS to inform their reading instruction. In other words, DIBELS tells teachers if students are at risk in reading and the type of help they may need.

\*\*DIBELS scores can now be viewed in the **Student Progress Center**. If you do not have a parent account, [visit this website](#) for more information. Families will receive a comprehensive mClass Home Connect Student Report after each Dibels assessment.

The Louisiana Department of Education has selected mCLASS® with DIBELS® 8th Edition as the state's **K–3** literacy assessment. It is a valid and reliable assessment, supporting universal literacy screening, screening for risk of dyslexia, and progress monitoring.

Results of DIBELS subtests are categorized according to the likelihood that students will meet end-of-year grade-level goals in reading. The “Labels” were determined based on research in which DIBELS and end-of-year reading tests were administered to many students across the country.

- **Above Benchmark** - Students are on track for reading success and should continue to receive the instruction they are getting.
- **At Benchmark** - Students are on track for reading success and should continue receiving the instruction that they are getting.
- **Below Benchmark** - Students may be struggling with one or more components of reading. They need additional instruction, usually in a small group setting. Their progress should be monitored in the area in which they are struggling.
- **Well Below Benchmark** - Students are struggling with reading, either scoring well below the benchmark or struggling with more than one component of reading. They need extra instruction in a small group or one-on-one setting. Their progress should be monitored in the areas in which they are struggling.

Performance Level Key			
Most Support	Some Support	Goal	Above Goal
Well Below Benchmark	Below Benchmark	At Benchmark	Above Benchmark