



DESSA

Grades K-4



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Logistical Information

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Fall '24 – October 15 - 25
Winter '25 - February 3-14
Spring '25 – May 5-16



Participants: DESSA mini through the Branching Minds platform it should only be completed by classroom teachers.



Survey Type: Strength-based behavior rating scale



Time to Complete: Approximately 5 minutes per student.



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Educator's Role

- Only one teacher should complete an assessment for each student independently
- Please remain objective focusing on the last four weeks.
- Answer all questions to the best of your ability focusing on the student's strengths
- DESSA-mini consists of 8 items and enables teachers and staff to screen each child's social-emotional competence in about one minute or an entire classroom in one planning period.



Completing the DESSA-Mini on Branching Minds

Step 1: From the **Students** page select students you would like to complete a DESSA mini screener for. If needed, use the filters at the top to narrow down the list of students.

The screenshot shows the 'Students' page for Tyra Howe. The page displays 4 selected students. The filters are set to Staff: Tyra Howe and Grade: 8. The students listed are Misty Abbott and Elza Abshire. Each student's row shows their name, initials, ID, grade, school, and scores for various DESSA-Mini domains: Reading, Math, Behavior, Writing, Speech, Science, and Social Studies. Misty Abbott has scores of 2 (Reading), 3 (Math), 2 (Behavior), 1 (Writing), 1 (Speech), 1 (Science), and 2 (Social Studies). Elza Abshire has scores of 2 (Reading), 1 (Math), 3 (Behavior), 1 (Writing), 2 (Speech), 2 (Science), and 1 (Social).

Student	Reading	Math	Behavior	Writing	Speech	Science	Social Studies
Misty Abbott	2	3	2	1	1	1	2
Elza Abshire	2	1	3	1	2	2	1



Staff: Tyra Howe x

Grade: 8 x

✓ Select All

Deselect All

Actions ▾

✓ My Students

4 Selected

- Export Student Data
- Add Benchmarks
- Add to "My Students"
- Assign Students to Teachers
- Create Group
- Log Family Communication
- Log Supporting Doc
- Generate Intervention Reports
- Add Student Tag(s)
- Send SECA Survey

2 3
✓ Reading ✓ Math

2 1
! Reading Math

2 -
✓ Reading Math



Step 3: Select the **Assessment Window** from the drop down menu.



DESSA Assessment Administration

To administer this assessment, you must first choose the appropriate screening window.

Assessment Window

 A dropdown menu with a blue border and a downward arrow icon on the right side.

- Fall 2022
- Winter 2022
- Spring 2022

Assessment

 A dropdown menu with a light gray border and a downward arrow icon on the right side.

Step 4: Under **Assessment**, select **DESSA Mini/Screenener**.



Tyra Howe

DESSA Assessment Administration

To administer this assessment, you must first choose the appropriate screening window.

Assessment Window

Fall 2022



Assessment

DESSA Mini/Screenener



DESSA Diagnostic



Step 5: Select the **Start** button next to each student's name to begin their DESSA-mini screener assessment. Remember that this is a teacher-facing assessment and students do not have any interaction with the platform or need to be present for the assessment. Teachers can also search for students and add them to the list using the search box.

 Tyra Howe

DESSA Assessment Administration

SY 2021

To administer this assessment, you must first choose the appropriate screening window.

Assessment Window **Assessment**

Fall 2021 DESSA Mini/Screener

4 students

Student Name	Student ID	Completed On	Completed By
Misty Abbott	983204		 <input data-bbox="1949 956 2025 992" type="button" value="Start"/>
Elza Abshire	993133		<input data-bbox="1949 1035 2025 1063" type="button" value="Start"/>
Lorena Collins	991811		<input data-bbox="1949 1106 2025 1135" type="button" value="Start"/>
Laisha Conn	40502		<input data-bbox="1949 1178 2025 1206" type="button" value="Start"/>



Step 6: Answer all of the screener questions for one student at a time. The progress bar on the top right corner of the screen will indicate how many questions have been answered. Once you are finished, select **Submit** at the bottom of the page.

MA Misty Abbott
983204 | 8th Grade (19 yrs old)

DESSA Mini K-8 Screener: Fall 2020 - 2021

4/8

During the past 4 weeks, how often did the student..

1. Accept responsibility for what she/he did?

Never

Rarely

Occasionally

Often

Very Often

2. Do something nice for somebody?

Never

Rarely

Occasionally

Often

Very Often

3. Speak about positive things?



Step 7: Once you submit an assessment for a student, you will be taken back to your list of students. Continue working through the list. After each one is completed, the **Completed On** date will appear as well as who the screener was **Completed By**.

TH Tyra Howe

DESSA Assessment Administration

SY 2021

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Assessment Window **Assessment**

Fall 2021 DESSA Mini/Screener

4 students

Student Name	Student ID	Completed On	Completed By
Misty Abbott	983204	06/25/21	Tyra Howe
Elza Abshire	993133	06/25/21	Tyra Howe
Lorena Collins	991811		Start
Laisha Conn	40502		Start



Reviewing Student Results

Students' scores on the DESSA mini screener can be viewed under **Benchmarks & Universal Screeners** on the student's **Overview Page**.

The screenshot displays the student profile for Misty Abbott (ID: 983204, 8th Grade, 19 yrs old). The page includes navigation tabs for Benchmarks, Meetings, Family Communication, Services, and Supporting Docs. Under the 'Benchmark & Universal Screeners' section, three results are listed:

Screener	Date	Score	Percentile	Level
Early Warning Indicators (EWI)	Mar 30, 2020	-	-	0
DESSA Mini	Jun 21, 2021	37	10	Need
Aimsweb	Jun 29, 2020	1	-	-

A red arrow points to the DESSA Mini result row.

