EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, California schools will begin an annual screening of all students in kindergarten through second grade to help identify those who may be at risk for reading difficulties. This is part of a new state requirement (Education Code 53008) aimed at making sure every student gets the support they need to become a strong reader. This screening is considered part of a school's comprehensive instructional strategy to inform individualized instruction, measure a student's progress, identify student learning needs, and enable parents/guardians and teachers to discuss their student's needs in a more informed way. Screening results must be used as an indicator for potential risk of reading difficulties, not as a diagnosis of a disability.

Your child's results will be available and shared within 45 days of the screening window. If your child is in first or second grade, they will take part in the Multitudes reading risk screening this fall, starting on October 14, 2025 through October 29, 2025. If your child is in kindergarten, they will take part in the Multitudes reading risk screening this winter, beginning on January 13, 2026 though January 21, 2026.

Opt-Out Option: Screening enables us to better support our students' needs and intervene early. However, if you would prefer to opt out of this screening, please let us know by writing a letter to your child's school principal.

We're excited about this new effort to support early readers and are here to partner with you during this process. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's school principal and https://www.eesd.org/departments/educational-services/assessments-and-accountability/testing- clone for more details, regarding the reading screening.

Sincerely,

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