

Assessment- What is Dibels?



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The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of standardized, individually administered measures of early literacy development. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of pre-reading and early reading skills.



Components of Dibels

- Assessment window # 1: 9/22-10/31
- Assessment window #2: 12/1-2/15
- Short, one minute interval timed assessments for K-3
- Used to screen and monitor students' early reading skills
- DIBELS assesses the "Big Ideas" of reading, including:
 - **Phonemic Awareness:** The ability to hear and use sounds in spoken words.
 - **Phonics/Alphabetic Principle:** Knowing that letters represent sounds and using this knowledge to read written words.
 - **Fluency:** The ability to read connected text easily, quickly, and accurately.
 - **Vocabulary:** Understanding and using a variety of words.
 - **Comprehension:** Understanding what is read or spoken.
- Helps categorize students by level, allowing for targeted interventions and ensuring students receive the appropriate level of support for reading success.

Parent's Role in Screening

- You will receive a report, sometimes called an mCLASS HomeConnect Report, that shows your child's progress.
- Understanding what DIBELS measures can help you support your child at home with their foundational reading skills.
- Enhanced communication and collaboration with your child's classroom teacher or interventionist regarding areas of weakness and how we're supporting them to best meet their needs

