



What is it?

What is universal screening?



All children deserve the opportunity to become strong readers. Universal screening is an important first step toward this goal. A universal screener is a series of short tests that all students take. It does not diagnose or label students. Instead, it helps teachers and families understand each child's specific strengths and needs early on, even before they are taught how to read. That way, children can get the help they need right from the start. California is now joining most other states in the country by requiring that all students in kindergarten, first, and second grades get screened.

What is Multitudes?

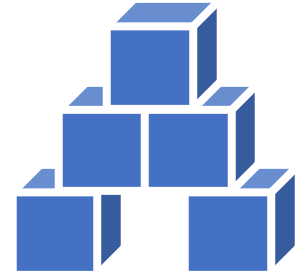
Multitudes is a universal reading screener that was developed with and for the students of California. It provides information about your child's reading development and tells you if your child might have reading difficulties in the future. Trained school staff will give Multitudes to each student, one-on-one. It takes about 10 minutes to complete.



What does Multitudes test?

The Multitudes universal screener tests knowledge and skills that can predict future reading difficulty and are important for learning to read, according to the latest scientific research. Depending on your child's grade, the test will explore:

- Do they know the names of many different objects?
- Can they take away sounds in words they hear?
- Do they know the names of alphabet letters?
- Do they know the sounds of alphabet letters?
- Can they read words?
- Can they spell words?
- How quickly they can they name a whole page of familiar objects or letters?



What will my child's results look like?



Your child will get an overall universal screening score that will tell you if they are doing okay or need support. You will also see a score for each individual test they take that is part of the screener. You will get an explainer document to help you understand your child's results and support their reading development.