Curriculum Committee Meeting Monday, November 10, 2025



Beginning of the Uear DIBELS Data



DIBELS

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) is a set of short assessments used to measure and monitor the development of early literacy and reading skills in students.

Purpose of DIBELS:

- Screening: Identifies students at risk for reading difficulties.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Tracks student improvement over time.
- Instructional Support: Informs instruction by highlighting specific skill areas needing attention.
- Outcome Evaluation: Measures the effectiveness of interventions.

Skills Assessed (Depending on Grade Level):

- Phonemic awareness
- Alphabetic principle (letter naming, phonics)
- Accuracy and fluency with connected text
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

DIBELS measures at each grade level

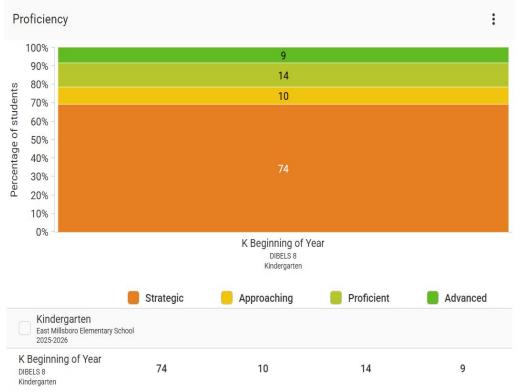
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Letter Naming Fluency	~	~			
Phonemic Segmentation Fluency	~	~			
Nonsense Word Fluency	~	~	~	~	
Word Reading Fluency	~	~	~	~	
Oral Reading Fluency		~	~	~	~
Maze (Basic Comprehension)			~	~	~

DIBELS is given at the Beginning of the Year (BOY), Middle of the Year (MOY) and End of the Year (EOY)



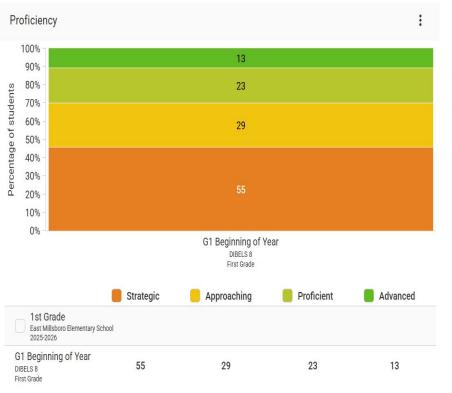
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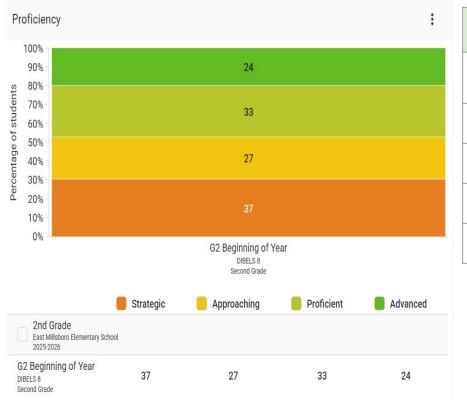
Kindergarten					
% Number of Students					
Advanced	8%	9			
Proficient	14%	14			
Approaching	9%	10			
Strategic	69%	74			





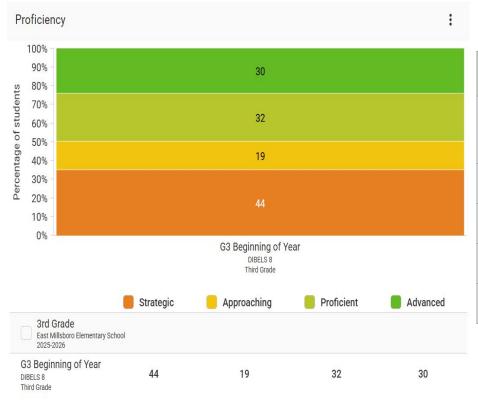
1st Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %	
Advanced	11%	13	20%	
Proficient	19%	23	43%	
Approaching	24%	29	13%	
Strategic	46%	55	24%	





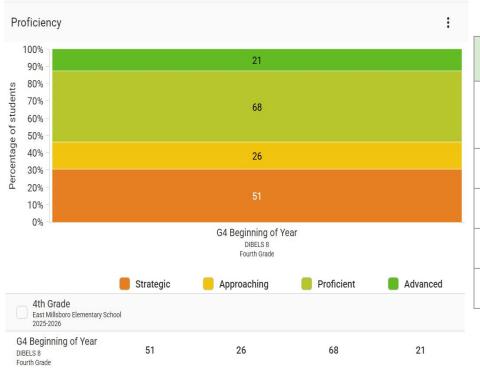
2nd Grade					
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %		
Advanced	20%	24	25%		
Proficient	27%	33	41%		
Approaching	22%	27	15%		
Strategic	31%	37	19%		





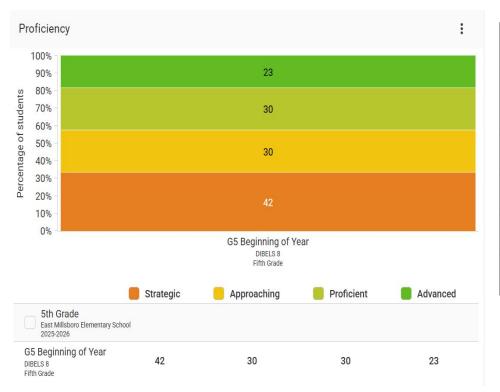
3rd Grade						
	% Number of EOY as 2nd Students Graders %					
Advanced	24%	30	23%			
Proficient	26%	32	32%			
Approaching	15%	19	16%			
Strategic	35%	44	29%			





4th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %	
Advanced	13%	21	37%	
Proficient	41%	68	13%	
Approaching	16%	26	16%	
Strategic	31%	51	35%	



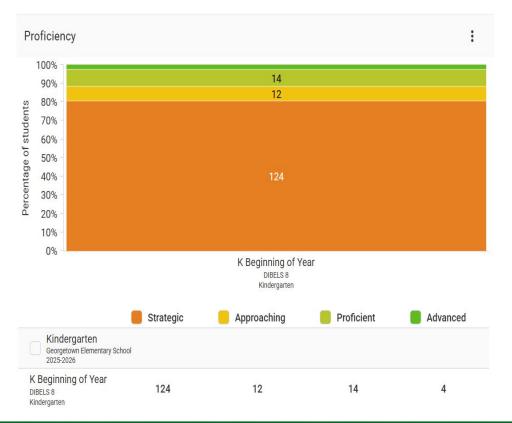


5th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %	
Advanced	18%	23	21%	
Proficient	24%	30	27%	
Approaching	24%	30	21%	
Strategic	34%	42	31%	



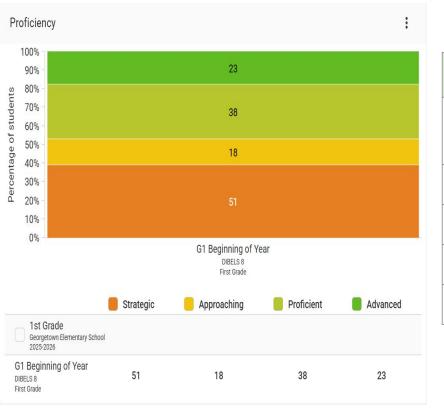
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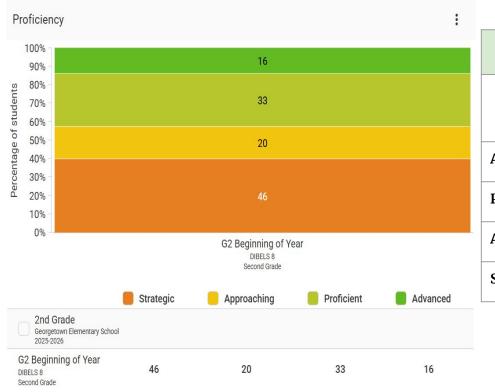
Kindergarten					
% Number of Students					
Advanced	3%	4			
Proficient	9%	14			
Approaching	8%	12			
Strategic	81%	124			





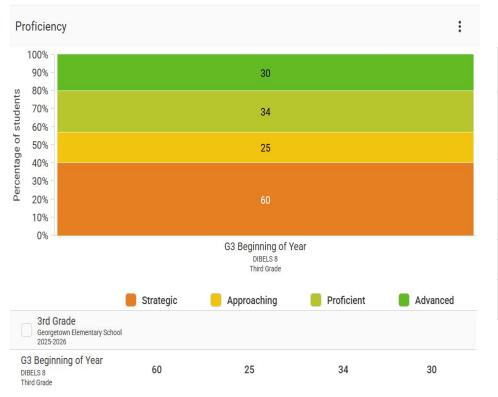
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Advanced	18%	23	30%		
Proficient	29%	38	27%		
Approaching	14%	18	14%		
Strategic	39%	51	29%		





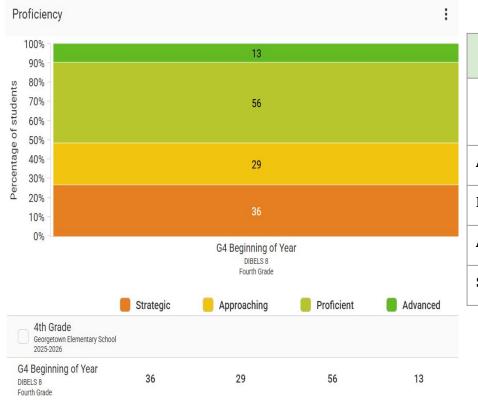
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	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %	
Advanced	14%	16	21%	
Proficient	29%	33	38%	
Approaching	17%	20	16%	
Strategic	40%	46	25%	





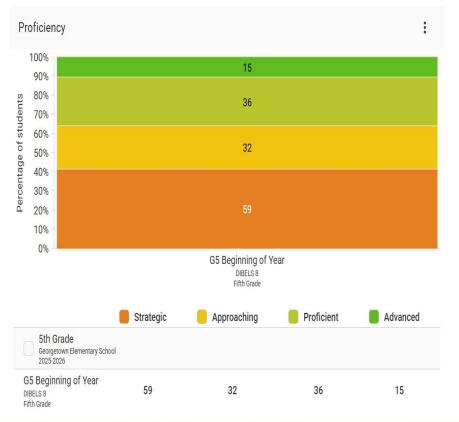
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Advanced	20%	30	21%		
Proficient	23%	34	24%		
Approaching	17%	25	17%		
Strategic	40%	60	38%		





4th Grade					
% Number of EOY as 3rd Students Graders %					
Advanced	10%	13	38%		
Proficient	42%	56	18%		
Approaching	22%	29	16%		
Strategic	27%	36	29%		



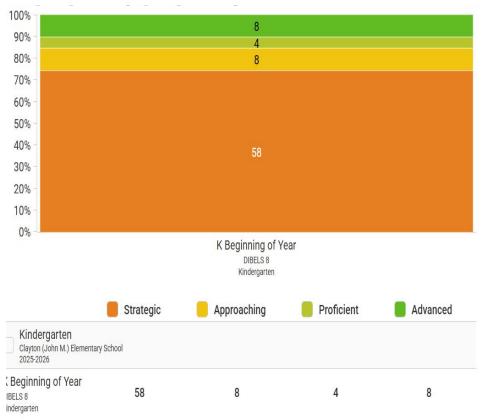


5th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %	
Advanced	11%	15	20%	
Proficient	25%	36	24%	
Approaching	23%	32	20%	
Strategic	42%	59	36%	



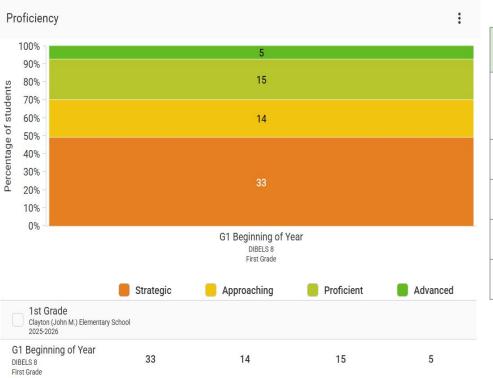
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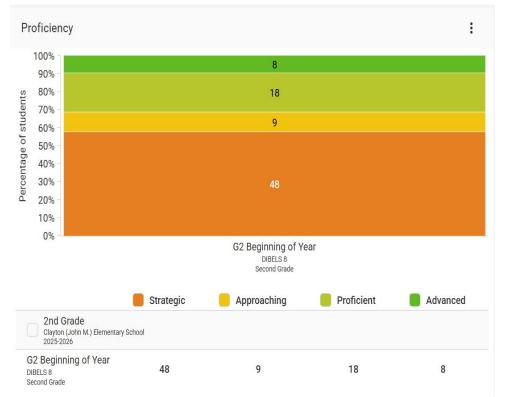
Kindergarten					
	% Number of Students				
Advanced	10%	8			
Proficient	5%	4			
Approaching	10%	8			
Strategic	74%	58			





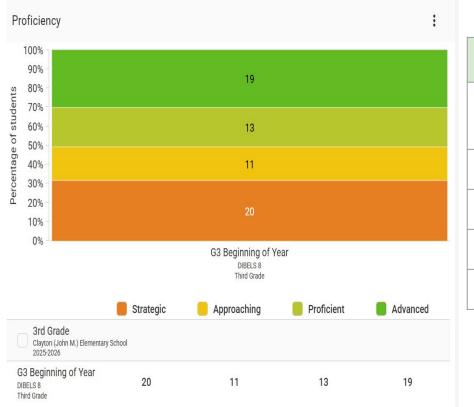
1st Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %	
Advanced	7%	5	27%	
Proficient	22%	15	41%	
Approaching	21%	14	11%	
Strategic	49%	33	21%	





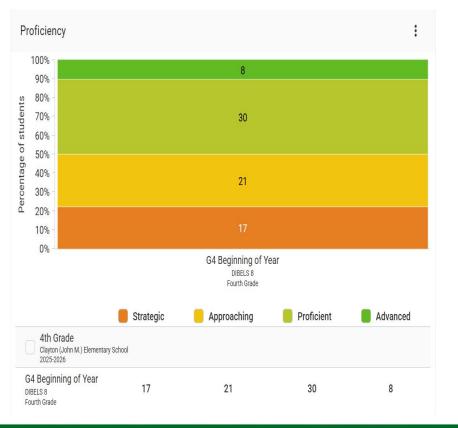
2nd Grade				
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Advanced	10%	8	16%	
Proficient	22%	18	26%	
Approaching	11%	9	28%	
Strategic	58%	48	30%	





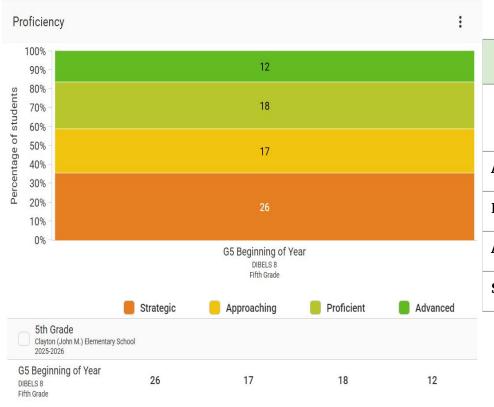
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Advanced	30%	19	33%	
Proficient	21%	13	30%	
Approaching	17%	11	16%	
Strategic	32%	20	21%	





4th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %	
Advanced	11%	8	50%	
Proficient	39%	30	19%	
Approaching	28%	21	14%	
Strategic	22%	17	17%	





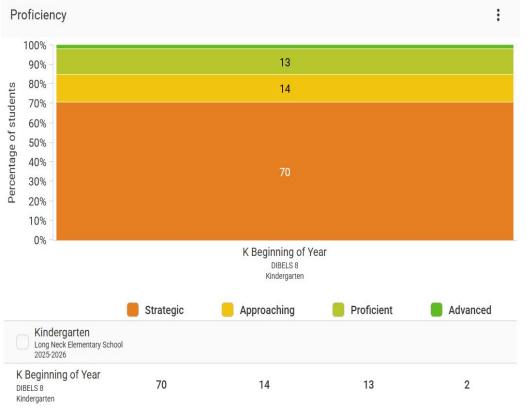
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	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %	
Advanced	16%	12	21%	
Proficient	25%	18	27%	
Approaching	23%	17	22%	
Strategic	36%	26	30%	



Long Meck Elementary



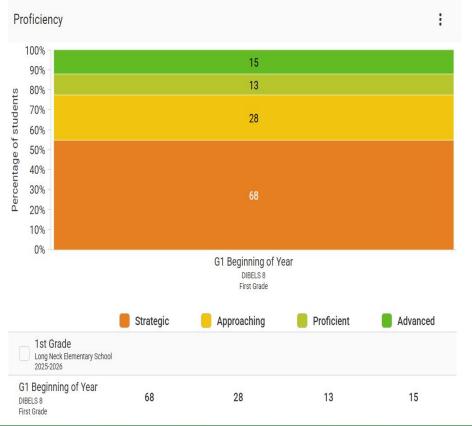
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Kindergarten					
	% Number of Students				
Advanced	2%	2			
Proficient	13%	13			
Approaching	14%	14			
Strategic	71%	70			



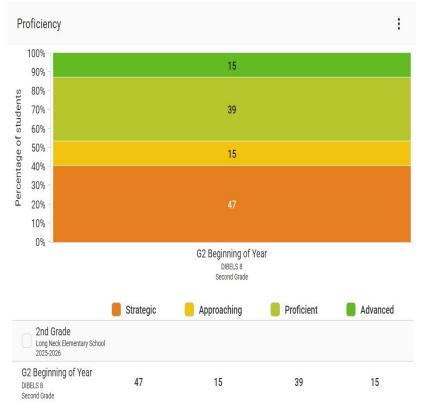
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1st Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %	
Advanced	12%	15	14%	
Proficient	10%	13	29%	
Approaching	23%	28	16%	
Strategic	55%	68	41%	



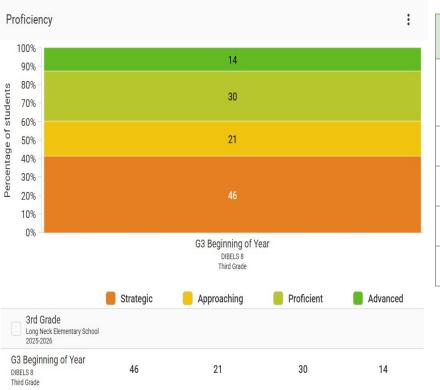
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2nd Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %	
Advanced	13%	15	28%	
Proficient	34%	39	27%	
Approaching	13%	15	9%	
Strategic	41%	47	36%	



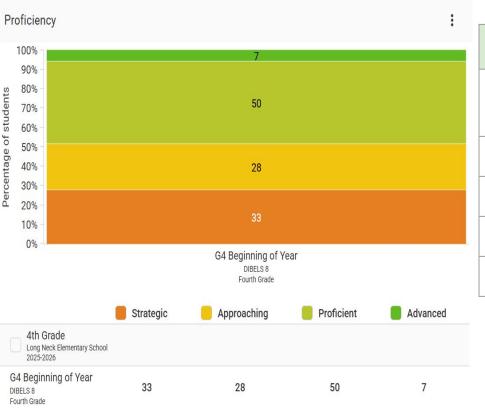
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3rd Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 2nd Graders %	
Advanced	13%	14	16%	
Proficient	27%	30	41%	
Approaching	19%	21	12%	
Strategic	41%	46	32%	



Long Neck Elementary~Beginning Of the Year DIBELS



4th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %	
Advanced	6%	7	28%	
Proficient	42%	50	18%	
Approaching	24%	28	16%	
Strategic	28%	33	39%	



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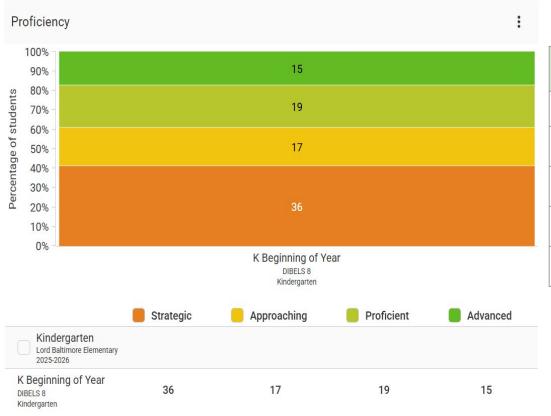


5th Grade			
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %
Advanced	17%	21	27%
Proficient	30%	36	37%
Approaching	21%	26	15%
Strategic	31%	38	21%



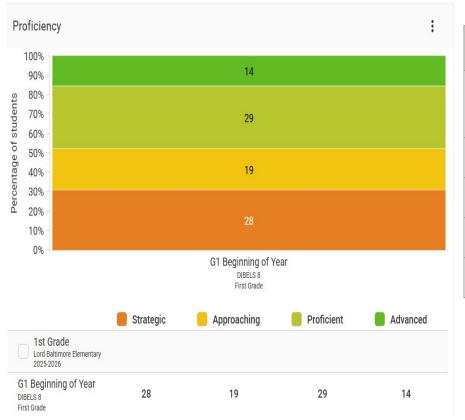
Lord Baltimore Elementary





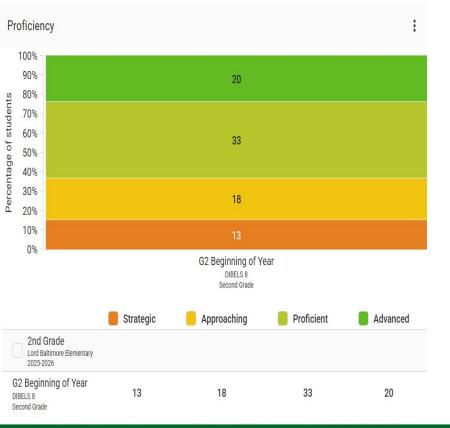
Kindergarten			
	%	Number of Students	
Advanced	17%	15	
Proficient	22%	19	
Approaching	20%	17	
Strategic	41%	36	





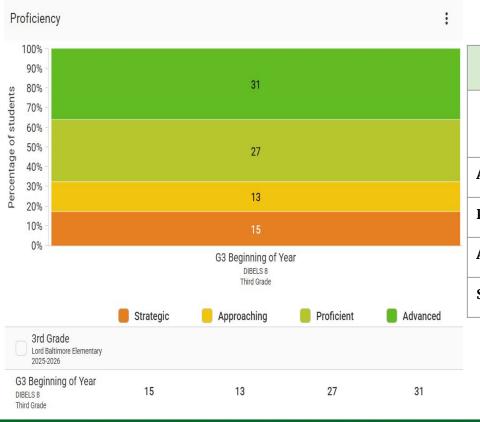
1st Grade			
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %
Advanced	16%	14	41%
Proficient	32%	29	42%
Approaching	21%	19	10%
Strategic	31%	28	7%





2nd Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %	
Advanced	24%	20	41%	
Proficient	39%	33	43%	
Approaching	21%	18	9%	
Strategic	15%	13	7%	

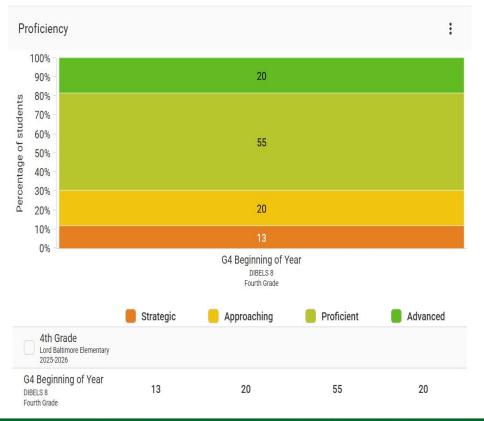




3rd Grade			
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 2nd Graders %
Advanced	36%	31	40%
Proficient	31%	27	31%
Approaching	15%	13	11%
Strategic	17%	15	19%



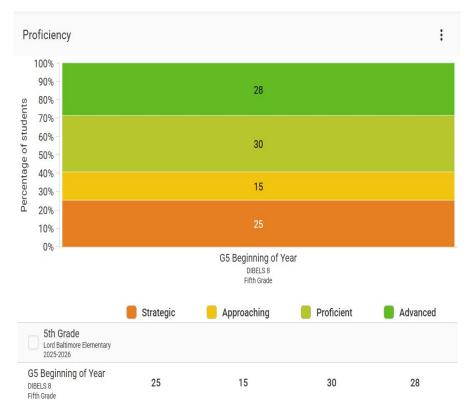
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4th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %	
Advanced	19%	20	59%	
Proficient	51%	55	12%	
Approaching	19%	20	13%	
Strategic	12%	13	17%	



Lord Baltimore Elementary~ Beginning Of the Year DIBELS



5th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %	
Advanced	29%	28	27%	
Proficient	31%	30	19%	
Approaching	15%	15	24%	
Strategic	26%	25	29%	



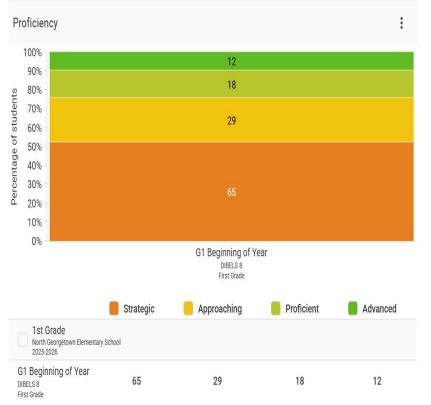
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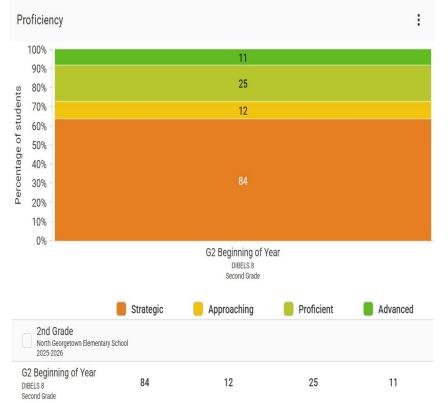
Kindergarten					
	% Number of Students				
Advanced	2%	3			
Proficient	6%	8			
Approaching	10%	13			
Strategic	82%	107			





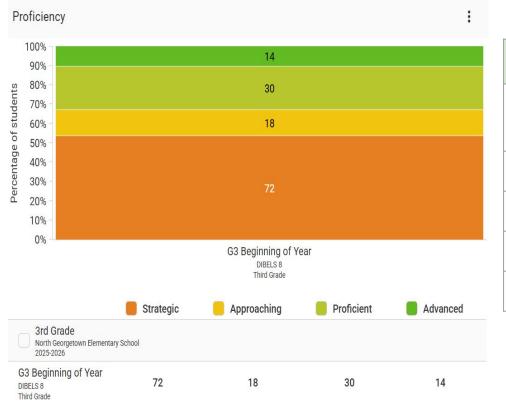
1st Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %	
Advanced	10%	12	18%	
Proficient	15%	18	28%	
Approaching	23%	29	14%	
Strategic	52%	65	40%	





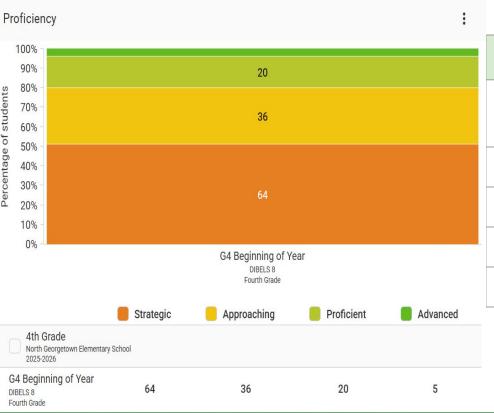
2nd Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %	
Advanced	8%	11	16%	
Proficient	19%	25	20%	
Approaching	9%	12	20%	
Strategic	64%	84	44%	





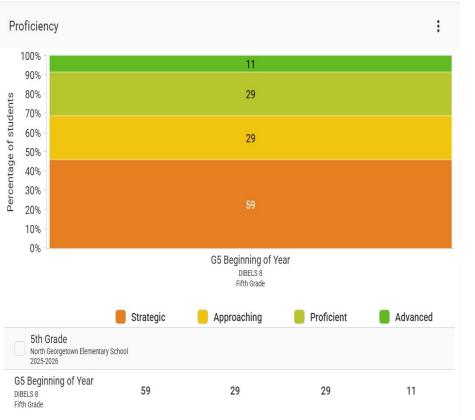
3rd Grade				
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Advanced	10%	14	9%	
Proficient	22%	30	25%	
Approaching	13%	18	13%	
Strategic	54%	72	53%	





4th Grade				
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %	
Advanced	4%	5	15%	
Proficient	16%	20	16%	
Approaching	29%	36	15%	
Strategic	51%	64	53%	



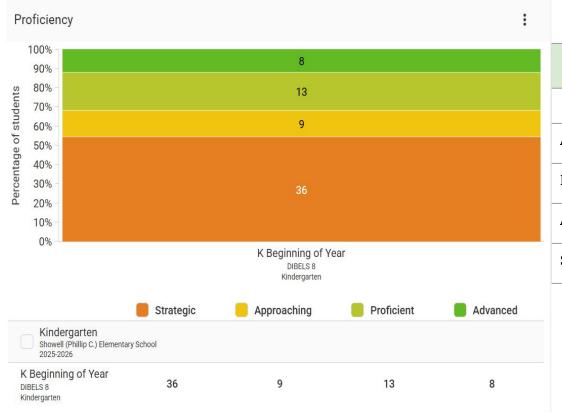


5th Grade				
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Advanced	9%	11	26%	
Proficient	23%	29	20%	
Approaching	23%	29	20%	
Strategic	46%	59	35%	



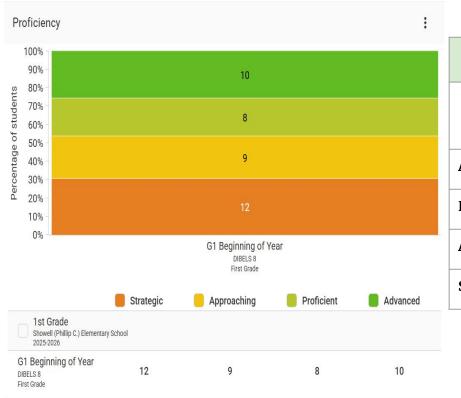
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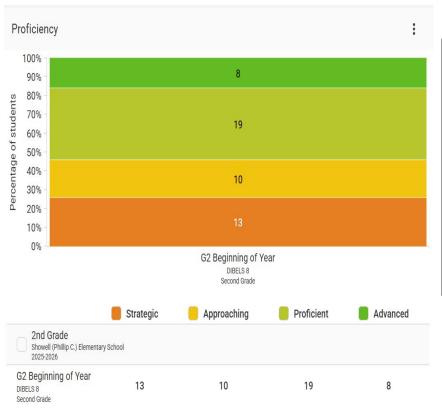
Kindergarten				
	% Number of Students			
Advanced	12%	8		
Proficient	20%	13		
Approaching	14%	9		
Strategic	56%	36		





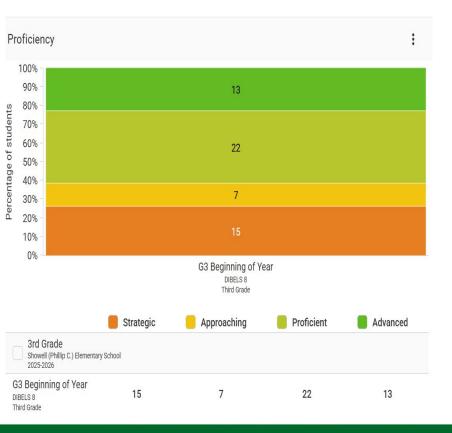
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Advanced	26%	10	46%	
Proficient	21%	8	29%	
Approaching	23%	9	0%	
Strategic	31%	12	24%	





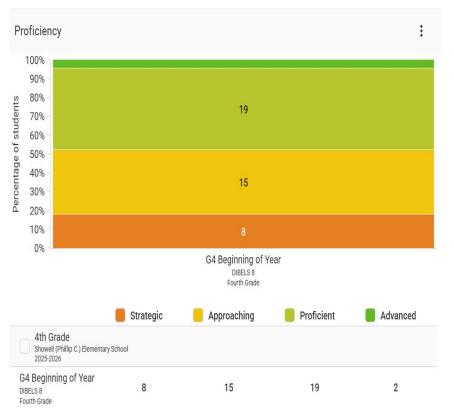
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Proficient	38%	19	34%	
Approaching	20%	10	15%	
Strategic	26%	13	13%	





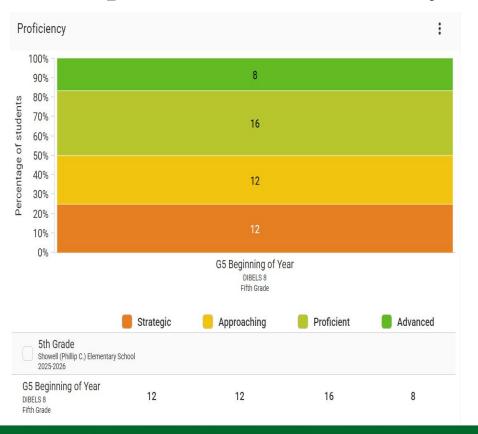
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Advanced	23%	13	26%	
Proficient	39%	22	46%	
Approaching	12%	7	7%	
Strategic	26%	15	21%	





		4th Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %
Advanced	5%	2	38%
Proficient	43%	19	13%
Approaching	34%	15	26%
Strategic	18%	8	23%



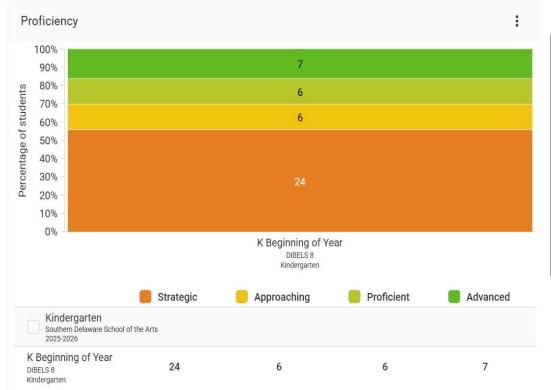


	5th	Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %
Advanced	17%	8	16%
Proficient	33%	16	23%
Approaching	25%	12	33%
Strategic	25%	12	29%



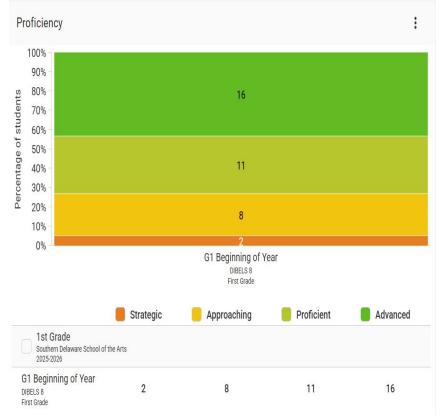
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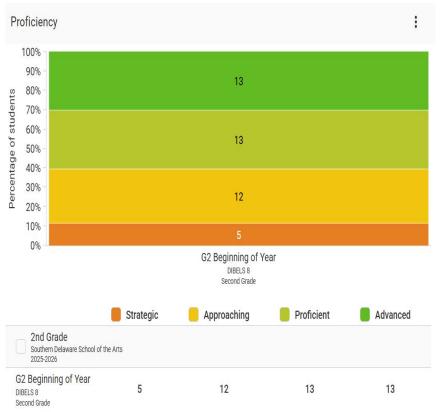
	Kinderga	rten
	%	Number of Students
Advanced	16%	7
Proficient	14%	6
Approaching	14%	6
Strategic	56%	24





	1:	st Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as Kindergartners %
Advanced	43%	16	87%
Proficient	30%	11	11%
Approaching	22%	8	0%
Strategic	5%	2	3%





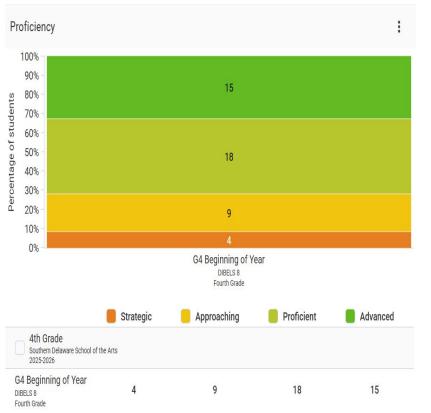
	2n	d Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 1st Graders %
Advanced	30%	13	49%
Proficient	30%	13	40%
Approaching	28%	12	9%
Strategic	12%	5	2%





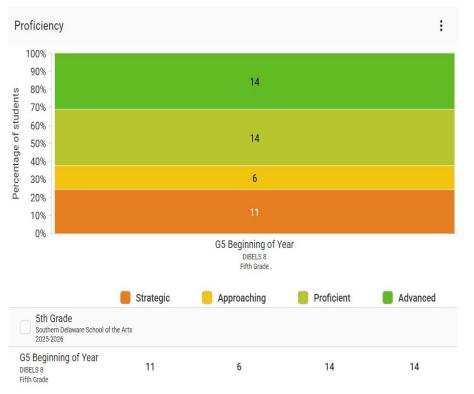
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	%	Number of Students	EOY as 2nd Graders %
Advanced	28%	12	34%
Proficient	42%	18	32%
Approaching	12%	5	23%
Strategic	19%	8	11%





	4	th Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 3rd Graders %
Advanced	33%	15	46%
Proficient	39%	18	19%
Approaching	20%	9	21%
Strategic	9%	4	15%





	5th	Grade	
	%	Number of Students	EOY as 4th Graders %
Advanced	31%	14	33%
Proficient	31%	14	37%
Approaching	13%	6	9%
Strategic	24%	11	21%



What is I.R.S.D. Doing to Support Early Literacy?



1. Piloted and Adopted a new reading curriculum aligned to the Science of Reading

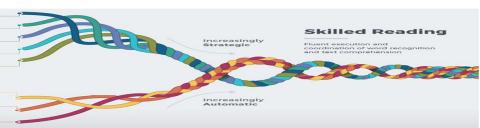
- Spring of 2022-2023 piloted and adopted Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)
 - Based on a *Structured Literacy* Approach to the Teaching of Reading
 - Explicit, Systematic and Sequential
- Began implementation of CKLA in the 2023–2024 school year in all elementary schools in I.R.S.D.
 - Integrity to CKLA while allowing intentional teacher decisions that preserve the intent of the content while still meeting students' needs

What is CKLA?

Amplify CKLA

- CKLA is built on the Science of Reading
- CKLA is a comprehensive Language Arts Program fors students in Pre- K-5th Grade.
- CKLA teaches skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking and also builds students knowledge and vocabulary in literature, history, geography and science.





What to Expect in Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Skills Units (60 Minutes)

- Systematic Phonics Instruction
 - o Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonological Awareness
 - Phonics
 - Spelling
 - Vocabulary
 - Comprehension
 - Writing

Knowledge Domain (60 Minutes)

- ELA standards addressed through rich social studies, science, and literature content areas
 - o Speaking and Listening
 - Vocabulary
 - Fluency
 - Text Analysis and Comprehension
 - Writing

Examples of Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Knowledge Units

Pre-Kindergarten: Classic Tales, Important People in American History, All About Me, Families and Communities

Kindergarten: Nursery Rhymes, Farms, Native Americans, Kings and Queens

1st Grade: Fables and Stories, The Human Body, Astronomy, Early World Civilizations

2nd Grade: Fairy Tales and Tall Tales, Greek Myths, Cycles in Nature, Westward Expansion

What to Expect in 3rd Grade-5th Grade

Integrated Foundational Skill and Language Comprehension Instruction

Foundational Skills:

- Decoding
- Encoding (Spelling)
- Word Study
- Grammar
- Vocabulary

Language Comprehension:

- Speaking and Listening
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Text Analysis and Comprehension
- Writing

Examples of Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Knowledge Units

3rd Grade: Classic Tales, The Ancient Roman Civilization, Light and Sound, The Viking Age

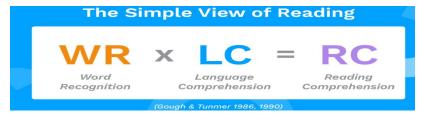
4th Grade: Personal Narratives, Empires in the Middle Ages, Eureka! Student Inventor, Geology

5th Grade: Early American Civilizations, Poetry, Adventures of Don Quixote, The Renaissance

2. Professional Learning:

Prior to adoption, professional development was focused on building staff and school leaders knowledge around the Simple View of

Reading and the Science of Reading



- 2023.2024 and 2024.2025 staff participated in professional learning with CKLA
 - Returning Educator Week, District Professional Learning Days
- 2023.2024 and 2024.2025 staff participated and engaged in CKLA Coaching Sessions
 - o Bi-Monthly Coaching Sessions with a CKLA Professional Development Specialist
 - Included: Co-Planning, Modeling Lessons, Co-Teaching Lessons, Debrief
 - o Coaching Sessions with Indian River School District ELA/ML Instructional Specialist- Dr. Marisa Hockman
- 2023.2024 and 2024.2025- Principals participated in professional learning at monthly Principals Meetings around CKLA, Science of Reading
- 2025.2026 continued professional learning building capacity around foundational skills as well as collaborative planning sessions across schools to focus on internalization of units and lessons.
 - Principals continue to engage in professional learning at the monthly Elementary Principals Meeting with a focus on the Science of Reading and Early Literacy.



3. Effective Tier 1 Instruction

- High quality, *grade-level* instruction delivered to *all* students, when done effectively, it reduces the need for interventions.
- Standards-Aligned Instruction
 - Standards spiral, affording repeated exposure
 - Instructional Calendar Frameworks for each grade-level
 - Pacing and prioritizes the grade-level standards
- Scaffolds provided within Tier 1 to meet the diverse needs of students
- Intentional and Skillful Planning

4. Screeners, Diagnostics, Progress Monitoring



- *Screeners* identify students at risk (DIBELS)
- *Diagnostics* Pinpoint Areas of Need
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oaxFP1gPLtbD68HJ5Gh_0TlPcffYWA519DrszSmr6ug/edit?usp=sharing
- Progress Monitoring checks Effectiveness of Intervention
 - MTSS- Multi-Tiered System of Supports

What is MTSS and How Does it Work?

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IRSD ACADEMIC MTSS

Data-Driven Instruction and Interventions



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- - Universal screening for ALL students
 - High-Quality classroom instruction and supports using research and evidence-based curriculum. aligned to the Delaware Standards
 - Instruction is scaffolded to meet the needs of ALL learners
 - Data-driven PLC processes are used to monitor and respond to student progress, and to plan Tier 1

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TIER 2

TIER 1

- All students continue to receive High-Quality Tier 1 classroom instruction and supports using research and evidence-based curriculum aligned to Delaware Standards
- In-classroom Interventions for identified standards-driven instructional needs through individual support and/or small groups (classroom teacher or push-in support)
- · Flexed grouping for small group instruction
- . Data-driven PLC processes are used to monitor and respond to student progress, and to plan instruction and interventions

TIER 3

- . All students continue to receive High-Quality Tier 1 classroom instruction and supports using research and evidence-based curriculum aligned to Delaware Standards
- Intensive Interventions for identified skill deficits with increased Intensity and frequency
- Smaller group sizes with teacher/interventionist

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Progre	ss Monitoring Frequency	Progress Monitoring: Decision Making
Tier 2 Supports	Bi-Weekly Progress Monitoring	At Two Week Mark: If student has competently mastered the skill, move to next skill If the data indicates minimal growth, keep student in same skill for another week and continue to progress monitor
Tier 3 Supports	Weekly Progress Monitoring	At Three Week Mark: If student has competently mastered the skill, move to next skill If the data indicates minimal growth, keep student in same skill for another three-week cycle and continue to progres monitor
ta	nonitor should align to the skill and/or standard b ught within the small group. ss Monitor what is being TAUGHT!"	At Six Week Mark: If student has competently mastered the skill, move to nex skill. If student has not mastered skill, provide continued intervention May need to consider different Intervention/Support May need to change the person delivering the Intervention/Support
Data Collection	100	and Analysis must occur at Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3
What information should you a Duration; Dat a Intervention/S a Type of Resec a Work Sample: a Progress Moni	be collecting?" es of Intervention/Support, Frequency iupport Provider arch-Based Intervention/Support	Data Collection and Analysis <u>MUST</u> occur regularly before referring a student to the "Student Problem-Solving Team".

5. Professional Learning Communities

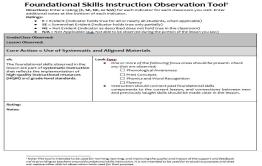
Analyze Data to Inform Instruction

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZFLGSOI4IDFpkg1EHb1CCBsAQjwv4PL/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=10966757011833067 4425&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Plan lessons aligned to standards
 - Share Strategies, Reflect on Instructional Practices

- Delaware Teacher Growth and Evaluation System (DTGSS)
- Learning Walks
 - Principals and Assistant Principals conduct learning walks
 - District Learning Walks Director of Elementary Curriculum and Elementary Literacy Specialist
 - A Summary is Provided to Each School that includes Highlights, "To Think About" and pictures

Forefront

- Foundational Skills Instruction Observation Tool
 - This tool is used with Principals and Assistant Principals- it allows us to assess where teachers are in regards to the teaching and implementation of the skills lessons (Systematic Phonics Instruction)



Rating: Notes:	
ans.	McGora:
The teacher models and eligible student	Appropriate pacing for the task(s) provided Opportunities for students to practice targeted skill(s) throug reading, writing, speaking, and/or listening.
Rating: Notes:	

Questions



Mext Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2025

