

FAQ: Transition to mCLASS DIBELS 8 and mCLASS Lectura (Grades K–6)

1. Why are we transitioning to mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura as our Universal Literacy Screeners?

- The new **NJ legislation P.L. 2024, ch. 52** requires the use of a state-approved universal literacy screener for grades K–3. Our district has adopted mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura in grades K–6 to ensure compliance and consistency.
- DIBELS 8 and Lectura are research-based screeners that show how your child is building early reading skills, their current risk level, and how they grow over time.
- Using one consistent tool districtwide strengthens our ability to monitor progress and provide targeted support.

2. What does this mean for DRA3 and EDL?

- DRA3 and EDL will no longer be used as our reading assessment in grades K–6.
- Schools should discontinue administration of DRA3 and EDL for benchmark screening purposes.

3. When will schools begin using mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura?

- Schools will begin implementation this school year

ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	DATES
Beginning-of-Year (BOY)	09/22/25 through 10/24/25
Middle-of-Year (MOY)	01/28/26 through 02/13/26
End-of-Year (EOY)	05/26/26 though 06/12/26

4. How often will mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura be administered?

- Up to three (3) times per year, depending on grade level and/or BOY performance
- Progress monitoring is required for all grade levels

GRADE LEVELS	BOY (FALL)	MOY (WINTER)	EOY (SPRING)
K-3	X	X	X
4-6	X	STUDENTS BELOW BENCHMARK	X

- For grades 4-6, students identified as “Below Benchmark” or “Well Below Benchmark” for the BOY are required to participate in the MOY administration