

For
Parents

NJ Early Literacy Law: P.L. 2024, c.52 Universal Literacy Screeners



What are Universal Literacy Screeners?

“Universal literacy screeners” refers to a systematic process used to assess the literacy skills of all students.

Why is Universal Literacy Screening important?

To identify students early who may be at risk for reading difficulties and to address challenges with interventions.

Who does it apply to?

All students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

When is it happening?

Universal Literacy Screening must take place twice during each school year for students in Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

How will schools obtain guidance?

The NJDOE’s Office of Learning Equity and Academy Recovery (LEAR) published a *Guide to Evidence-Based Literacy Practices and Universal Screeners*.

Questions to ask your child’s teacher or school

- What Universal Literacy Screener does the district use for K - 3rd grade?
- When throughout the year will the screeners be given to students?
- How will I know if my child needs interventions?



To find out more about Early Literacy and HQIM go to:

LEAR Office Website: nj.gov/education/lear/

NJTSS-Early Reading Webpage: spanadvocacy.org/early-reading/

