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GCSD LITERACY UNIVERSAL SCREENERS

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What are they?

Universal screeners are brief assessments administered to all students to identify students' risk levels of not meeting grade level mastery of skills

Low Risk

At/Above Benchmark

Your student is meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations. No additional literacy support or intervention is typically required beyond core instruction.

Some Risk

Moderate Risk/On Watch

Your student is slightly below benchmark and may be at risk for future literacy difficulties. Your student may benefit from targeted small-group support or monitoring to ensure they make progress.

At Risk

High Risk

Your student is performing well below grade-level expectations. Your student likely needs intensive literacy intervention, often in one-on-one or very small-group settings, with frequent progress monitoring.

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When are they given?

Universal screeners at GCSD are administered three times per year - in the fall, winter, and spring - within a designated timeframe.

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Which literacy screeners are used?

There are several literacy screeners that are administered throughout the district, depending on the age of your student and the school building he/she attends.

The following are currently used at GCSD:

AimsWeb
Renaissance Star

If you would like more information:

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Grades K-3

Kindergarten	1st Grade
• AimsWeb Early Literacy • IMSE Beginning Reading Skills Assessment (BRSA) • Heggerty Phonological Awareness • CELF-5 Language Screener	• AimsWeb Early Literacy • IMSE Orton-Gillingham (OG) Phonics • Heggerty Phonological Awareness • CELF-5 Language Screener
2nd Grade	3rd Grade
• AimsWeb Reading • IMSE Orton-Gillingham (OG) Phonics • Kilpatrick Phonological Awareness	• AimsWeb Reading • IMSE Orton-Gillingham (OG) Phonics/Morphology • Kilpatrick Phonological Awareness

Grades 4-5

4th Grade	5th Grade
• AimsWeb Reading	• AimsWeb Reading



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Grades 6-8



6th Grade	7th Grade
• Renaissance Star Reading	• Renaissance Star Reading
8th Grade	
• Renaissance Star Reading	

Grades 9-12

9th Grade	10th Grade
• Renaissance Star Reading	• Renaissance Star Reading
11th Grade	12th Grade
• Renaissance Star Reading	• Renaissance Star Reading