



CLASS DIBELS User Guide

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The mCLASS:DIBELS System

Employing innovative handheld-to-Web technology, the mCLASS:DIBELS software has been designed to make assessment more accurate and effective, helping teachers to analyze data that shapes instruction for kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

Developed through a unique partnership with the authors of Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS®) and Wireless Generation, mCLASS:DIBELS provides Benchmark assessments, Progress Monitoring, reinforcement activities, specialized grouping, and instantaneous access to scores. The Benchmark assessments provide quick and accurate identification of students in need of reading support and intervention. The Progress Monitoring tasks are used to monitor a student's specific areas of weakness.

The mCLASS:DIBELS system:

- Supports efficient administration of measures
- Performs calculations and reduces paperwork
- Turns assessment results into clear, meaningful reports
- Keeps a permanent record of assessment results

The mCLASS:DIBELS system consists of four elements:

- 1. Software: Includes all assessment forms, instructions, and practice questions for each grade level and assessment period.
- 2. Kit: Includes the User Guide and student materials.
- 3. Synchronization: The process by which the assessment information from the handheld is matched to the database maintained through <u>www.mclasshome.com</u>.
- 4. Reports: Web-based student and class reports provided online to aid in defining instructional changes.

The mCLASS:DIBELS Measures

The mCLASS:DIBELS assessment, known for its reliability and validity, uses seven measures designed to assess a variety of reading skills.

In addition, the mCLASS:DIBELS program includes two types of assessment: Benchmark and Progress Monitoring.

- Benchmark assessments are administered three times a year to identify students who require reading support and intervention, and, in many cases, to find a student's instructional reading level.
- Progress Monitoring assessments are used to track progress of individual student's areas of weakness in between Benchmark assessment windows.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Measures and Definitions

Initial Sound Fluency (ISF)	Identify, isolate, and pronounce the first sound of an orally presented word
Letter Naming Fluency (LNF)	Name randomly mixed uppercase and lowercase letters
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF)	Identify the individual sounds that make up a word
Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF)	Decode and blend letters into words
Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)	Read connected text accurately and fluently
Retell Fluency (RTF)	Extract meaning from text
Word Use Fluency (WUF)	Vocabulary knowledge and expressive language

While measures may be administered to students irrespective of their grade, there are certain times of year when specific measures are most appropriate for a grade level. The handheld will guide you through this process.

DIBELS Measures and Times of Year

	INITIAL SOUND FLUENCY (ISF)	LETTER NAMING FLUENCY (LNF)	PHONEME SEGMENTATION FLUENCY (PSF)	NONSENSE WORD FLUENCY (NWF)	ORAL READING FLUENCY (ORF)	RETELL FLUENCY (RTF)	WORD USE FLUENCY (WUF)
K, Fall							
K, Winter							
K, Spring							
G1, Fall							
G1, Winter							
G1, Spring							
G2, Fall							
G2, Winter							
G2, Spring							
G3, Fall							
G3, Winter							
G3, Spring							

An Overview of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS[®])

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What is DIBELS?

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are brief but powerful measures of the critical skills that underlie early reading success. Supported by two decades of sophisticated research, these simple assessments predict how well children are likely to be doing in reading comprehension by the end of third grade. Three or four short tasks at each grade level, K–3, help teachers locate, monitor, and intervene with "at-risk" students in kindergarten through third grade. DIBELS assessment is a proven approach for taking "vital signs" of reading health.

Teachers or other personnel trained to administer the assessment give the screenings individually to all students in a grade within a short time frame. Screenings, called Benchmark Assessments, should occur three times per year.

- All students in a class are given the Benchmark Assessments three times per year.
- Only the "at-risk" students are given the progress-monitoring assessments.

DIBELS is based on the findings of two kinds of research: (a) research on the prediction of reading difficulty in young children; and (b) research on what is taking place in the minds of people who are learning to read. Scientists in many disciplines — cognitive psychology, neuropsychology, school psychology, language development, medicine and education — have achieved consensus on how children acquire reading skills, why some children have difficulty learning to read, and what kind of instruction is likely to help most children learn (National Reading Panel, 2000). Each indicator in DIBELS measures a foundational skill whose contribution to reading comprehension is established (Rayner et al., 2001).

National concern over reading failure has been rising since the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) has consistently shown high rates of reading failure among fourth and eighth graders. In high poverty areas, up to 70% of minority children cannot read at even a "basic" level. In middle class communities, about 38 to 40% of students are failing to score at even a "basic" level in reading. They do not have even partial mastery of foundational reading skills and thus are not able to function at grade level or fully participate in their schooling. This reality is one of the primary causes of membership in the underclass in our society—the group for whom there are few opportunities for educational or economic advancement. The good news, however, is that reading is teachable if instruction is comprehensive, sufficiently intensive, and includes practices supported by research.

- Reading problems can be prevented in most children.
- Reading problems can be detected in kindergarten and early first grade.
- Children with problems do not spontaneously get over them; they need to be taught how to read!

The realization that reading skill is necessary for school success and that most reading problems can be prevented and ameliorated if they are caught early has driven many state and federal reading initiatives. Important research reviews (Armbruster, Lehr, & Osborn, 2001; National Reading Panel, 2000; Rayner et al., 2001; Snow, Burns, & Griffin, 1998), policy statements (American Federation of Teachers, 1999; Learning First Alliance, 2000), and legislation (Reading Excellence Act, 1999; Public Law 107–110, 2001) promote early identification and intervention with students in the "basic" and "below basic" categories of reading achievement. DIBELS is a valuable tool for targeting instructional resources to those who need them most.

• The word *test* is less appropriate for DIBELS than *measure*, *assessment*, or *indicator* because DIBELS is a tool for planning instruction. It is designed not so much for determining a final outcome of instruction but to help improve those outcomes.

New state initiatives and those funded with Reading Excellence, Title 1, School Improvement, and Reading First funds require districts to demonstrate improvement with students "at risk." End-ofyear summative tests, such as the Stanford 9, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Terra Nova, and Metropolitan Achievement Tests are often used in accountability systems designed to show overall progress. DIBELS scores are good predictors of performance on high-stakes, summative tests. Moreover, DIBELS is a tool that enables teachers to intervene with students "at risk" for failure before they take end-of-year assessments.

- DIBELS scores predict outcomes on end-of-year, high stakes achievement tests.
- DIBELS scores help teachers group children for instruction.

The results of DIBELS can be used to sort children into groups for instruction tailored to their needs. The children's rate of progress can then be monitored on a week-to-week basis if necessary, and teachers can estimate how much more growth is necessary to bring students' reading to grade level. Reading "at grade level" means reading well enough to pass group-administered state tests of passage reading comprehension.

In the standards movement of the late 1990s, many states rewrote their literacy standards to enumerate component skills that must be mastered by students learning to read. Respecting current research on the nature of reading acquisition, many states included standards on both underlying or component reading skills, such as phonological awareness and reading fluency, and higher level comprehension skills, such as the ability to summarize a passage or evaluate an author's tone. Both component skills and the deployment of those skills for higher purposes are important to measure and both are highly interrelated. The "simple" skills measured by DIBELS, such as naming letters and segmenting speech sounds, predict reading comprehension so well that testing only needs to take 10 to 15 minutes per child and costs much less than more elaborate testing approaches.

- "Simple" tasks predict complex reading skills very well.
- Both foundational skills and comprehension will need to be taught.

Screening and Progress Monitoring: Two Uses for DIBELS

DIBELS is a validated tool for early identification of children with potential problems and an assessment of response to instruction. The DIBELS assessment enables educators to modify their approach if a student is not on course to achieve district or state reading goals. Therefore, DIBELS fulfills two purposes: screening and progress monitoring.

The screening function of DIBELS begins in kindergarten, even before students have learned to read words. It is carried out in the fall, mid-winter, and spring of each year through third grade. The progress-monitoring components of DIBELS are used selectively with the "at-risk" children on a week-to-week basis, if necessary, to determine how well they are progressing toward a goal. Again, the purpose of DIBELS is to catch the children "at risk" before failure sets in and to mobilize instructional support for them.



Summative tests given by districts and states reflect the end result of curriculum design, program implementation, and individual teachers' efforts over the course of an entire school year. The problem, of course, is that by the end of third or fourth grade when the summative tests are given, it is too late to plan and implement a more effective instructional program without considerable cost and effort. Intervention with older students takes much more time and is much more expensive and difficult to implement than early intervention (Torgesen et al., 2001). Schools can and should know how many students are likely to meet state standards far in advance of the spring date on which the high-stakes tests are given.

- DIBELS Benchmarks are used for screening and grouping children.
- DIBELS Progress Monitoring is for tracking at-risk children's response to instruction.
- DIBELS may need to be supplemented with other diagnostic tests if students have suspected learning disabilities.
- DIBELS is not a summative or comprehensive evaluation of reading achievement.

Why Start Assessment So Early?

The road to reading success begins early in life. Early experiences with language stimulation, books, and the world outside home predict to a great extent how likely it is that a child will be a good reader. In addition, knowledge of letters, awareness of speech sounds in words (phoneme awareness), and the ability to link the two (the alphabetic principle) are prerequisites for early reading. These can be measured before the child actually learns to read. Even students with good preschool preparation are not immune to reading failure because reading demands linguistic and symbolic skills in which they may be weak. Moreover, those students with poor preparation for school in language, print awareness, or worldly experience will demonstrate signs of risk as soon as they enter school. Preschool programs such as Head Start are not enough to inoculate children against reading failure (Zigler & Styfco, 1994).

Thus, we need to do more than prepare children for school entry. We need to know how far they have progressed on the pathway to strong reading development so that we can intervene right away if they are falling behind the research-based benchmarks for growth. If we help students early, they are less likely to experience social, behavioral, or motivational problems that often accompany reading difficulty (Good, Simmons, & Kame'enui, 2001).

- DIBELS measures critical foundations for reading that can be directly taught.
- We can catch children before they fail and intervene successfully; children should not have to fail before they come to our attention and receive preventive instruction.

Content of Measures: What and Why

The foundational skills that are causally related to complex reading behavior are now well established in a large body of scientific work that has accumulated over more than thirty years from many disciplines. DIBELS is designed to sample those skills and to direct educators toward teaching those skills. Additional diagnostic evaluation, such as that given by a learning specialist, language specialist, or psychologist, may be needed in areas where students are not making sufficient gains.

Benchmark assessments are given three times a year to all children in a grade. Progress-monitoring assessments are used electively when children's response to intervention needs to be closely followed.

Initial Sound Fluency (Kindergarten)

Once called Onset Recognition Fluency, ISF measures the child's ability to identify, isolate, and pronounce the first sound of an orally presented word. The examiner produces a sound and the child must find which of four pictures begins with that sound. For example, the examiner says, *This is a sink, cat, gloves, and hat. Which picture begins with /s/?* The child is also asked to orally produce the beginning sound for an orally presented word that matches one of the given pictures. The child's response time is measured by the examiner. The score is the number of correct initial sounds given per minute. The probe takes about three minutes to administer. There is a separate collection of 20 alternate forms for progress monitoring.



Letter Naming Fluency (Kindergarten to Grade 1)

LNF is a powerful indicator of risk for reading failure. Students are asked to name as many letters as they can, uppercase and lowercase randomly mixed, within one minute. The lowest 20% in a district are "at risk" for failing to achieve literacy benchmarks, whereas the group between the 20th and 40th percentiles are at "some risk." Long-term outcomes are greatly affected by instruction and learning opportunities.

Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (Mid-Kindergarten to End Grade 1)

PSF is a direct measure of phoneme awareness. By the end of kindergarten, most children can take apart and pronounce the sounds of a three-phoneme syllable. Those who cannot may be exhibiting phonological processing difficulties, a warning sign for reading difficulty. The examiner gives the child a word or syllable with three or four phonemes and asks the child to say the individual sounds that make up the word. For example, the examiner says *sat* and the child says */s/ /a/ /t/*. The score is the number of correct phonemes produced in one minute. The measure takes about two minutes to administer and has 20 alternate forms for monitoring progress.

Nonsense Word Fluency (Mid-Kindergarten through Beginning Grade 2)

NWF measures the ability to link letters with sounds (the alphabetic principle) and use that knowledge to decode three-letter syllables that alone are nonsense words (*sis*, *sil*, *com*). The child reads randomly ordered VC (*ov*, *ap*) and CVC (*sis*, *pom*, *ruv*) words. The child receives credit for pronouncing individual sounds or the correct sounds in a whole syllable read as a unit. For example, the child receives three points for reading *raj* as a syllable or for saying */r/ /a/ /j/*. All the vowels in the syllables are short vowels.

The score is the number of letter sounds correct in one minute. The child who reads whole syllables will receive a higher score because the rate of correct sound production will be higher than the child who pronounces each sound separately. The child who reads whole words is more fluent; his or her phonics skills are automatized to the point of useful program in word decoding.

The probe takes about two minutes to administer. There are more than 20 alternate forms for progress monitoring.

Oral Reading Fluency (Mid-Grade 1 to Grade 3)

Benchmark passages at each grade level are used to measure accuracy and speed in oral reading of graded passages. A version of curriculum-based measurement of oral reading fluency was published as the Test of Oral Reading Fluency (Children's Educational Services, 1987). The measure is used to identify children in need of additional assessment and intervention and to monitor reading progress.

Passages are calibrated for each level. Students read each of three passages aloud for one minute. The student's score is the median correct words per minute from the three passages. Errors are words omitted or substituted, or hesitations of more than three seconds. Immediate self-corrections are scored as accurate.

Twenty alternate forms of oral reading passages are available for progress monitoring.

Oral Retelling Fluency (Mid-Grade 1 to Grade 3)

Designed as a check on comprehension of the passage read orally, this part of the oral reading fluency assessment asks children to tell as much as they can about what they just read. The score is the number of words the child uses to retell the story within one minute. Only words that illustrate the child's understanding of the passage are scored. (Irrelevant remarks or exclamations are not scored.)

Children typically use about half the number of words in their retelling that they were able to read aloud in a one-minute timed passage. Thus, a child who reads 60 words per minute would typically use about 30 words to retell the passage. If children use less than 25% of the number of words read per minute (in this case, 15 words or fewer), there may be a specific comprehension or expressive language concern that merits further assessment.

Knowing they will need to retell the passage keeps children from thinking that oral reading fluency is simply for reading fast. The oral reading fluency score itself correlates very highly with comprehension, but the retelling adds authenticity to the assessment. Retelling correlates about .59 with the oral reading fluency score itself, indicating that it is a good additional check on students' attention to meaning.

Word Use Fluency (Fall of Kindergarten Through Grade 3)

WUF is designed to assess vocabulary knowledge and expressive language for children at each grade level. The examiner says a word and asks the student to use the word in a sentence. The score is the number of words the child can use correctly in a phrase, sentence, or expression within one minute.

No benchmark goals are provided because the test is new and more data need to be gathered to establish its relationship with other measures of literacy. A general rule is that students who score below the 20th percentile are "at risk" for poor reading outcomes, and those between the 40th and 20th percentile are at "some risk."

Benchmark Expectations for Children's Progress

Benchmark goals and time lines for achieving them are summarized in the following table. These benchmarks have been established by research in different settings with thousands of children (Good et al., in press; Good, Simmons, & Kame'enui, 2001). The benchmarks represent minimal levels of satisfactory progress for the lowest achieving students (Good, Gruba, & Kaminski, 2001). One hundred percent of the students in the grade should achieve them if 100% of the students are to read at grade level or better. The benchmarks from grade to grade follow a progression in reading development wherein each step a child attains builds upon prior steps and is necessary for success in subsequent steps.

TIME	DIBELS MEASURE	MINIMAL GOAL FOR READING SUCCESS	CUT-OFF FOR NEEDING INTENSIVE SUPPORT
Winter, Kindergarten	Initial Sound Fluency	25–35 spm	Below 10
Spring, Kindergarten	Phoneme Segmentation Fluency	35–45 spm	Below 10
Winter, Grade 1	Nonsense Word Fluency	50 wpm	Below 30
Spring, Grade 1	Oral Reading Fluency	40 wpm	Below 10
Spring, Grade 2	Oral Reading Fluency	90 wpm	Below 50
Spring, Grade 3	Oral Reading Fluency	110 wpm	Below 70

Making Sure Scores Are Accurate

Sometimes the benchmark test scores are inaccurate. Examiners make mistakes. Young children's test results may be unrepresentative of their actual performance because the children may be insecure, inattentive, unfamiliar with the requirements of the task, or just having a bad day. The advantage of DIBELS is that children can be easily rechecked if their group placement appears to be misjudged or the scores do not agree with one another.

The progress-monitoring booklets provide alternate testing forms that can be used to retest a child. By retesting a child on a different day or with a different examiner, we can be more confident that the scores are reliable. Two or three retests are usually enough to get a consistent picture of the child's actual level of skill.



Interpreting DIBELS Results

The intensity and type of instruction provided to children should match the degree of their difficulty. Again, the goal is to provide that help before reading failure becomes entrenched. The benchmark assessment identifies children who may need more intensive, slowly paced, or individually tailored instruction in order to meet the next benchmark. Highly effective regular classroom instruction that uses a research-validated comprehensive reading program will greatly reduce the number of children who need more intensive support. Those with emerging skills who are between the 20th and 40th percentiles can be taught effectively in small groups with programs strong on systematic, explicit instruction of foundational reading skills (letter recognition, phoneme awareness, letter-sound correspondence, phonic decoding, reading fluency). Such programs should also have strong components on vocabulary and language comprehension.

Children who score in the "deficit" or deficient range usually need one-one, one-two expert instruction with a multisensory, systematic, structured language approach that attempts to rebuild a strong foundation for learning to read.

Examples of Approaches Designed for Differentiated Instruction

Teachers have many programs to choose from, and will have additional well-designed programs as research on reading instruction continues and publishers improve their products to reflect the findings of research. Other variables that matter are the size of the group, the instructional time, the amount of appropriate practice, and emphasis on the skills most important for reading progress.

REGULAR CLASSROOM, COMPREHENSIVE CORE READING PROGRAMS	SECOND TIER INTERVENTION, 20TH-40TH PERCENTILE	THIRD TIER INTERVENTION, BELOW 20TH PERCENTILE
Open Court (2002) (McGraw Hill)	Read Well (Sopris West)	Road to the Code (Brookes Pub.)
Harcourt Brace (2002)	Early Reading Intervention (Simmons & Kame'enui), Scott Foresman	Wilson Foundations (Wilson Language)
Houghton Mifflin (2002)	Project Read (Language Circle, Bloomington, MN)	Lindamood-Bell
Reading Mastery (SRA)	Reading Mastery (SRA)	Alphabetic Phonics
Read Well (Sopris West)	Phono-Graphix	Orton-Gillingham
Scott Foresman (under revision)	Spaulding Approach	Slingerland
	WatchWord (Sopris West)	Ladders to Literacy (Brookes)

Finding the Research Base on DIBELS

The Early Childhood Research Institute on Measuring Growth and Development (ECRI-MGD) at the University of Oregon has constructed DIBELS, validated its ability to predict outcomes, and tested its reliability using data from thousands of young children in many regions of the country. The most current technical report summarizing the extensive research behind DIBELS is available from the University of Oregon (Good et al., in press).



The Handheld Computer

The handheld computer, or handheld, provides the mobility and function needed to utilize Wireless Generation's mCLASS® software solutions. To begin assessing students, you must first become familiar with a handheld.

Some features outlined here may differ depending on the model you are using. Explore your handheld's specific functions by taking a "Quick Tour." Tap the **Quick Tour** icon on the handheld's Main menu.



Key Features

Application Buttons



Input Area





Preferences Main Menu

The Main menu provides access to all handheld functions.

- 1. Make sure that All appears on the pick list in the upper right of the Main menu by tapping the arrow and selecting that category.
- 2. Tap the **Prefs** icon.

Preferences	
General	
• Date & Time	 Digitizer
Formats	• Graffiti 2
 Keylock 	Power
 Security 	Sounds & Alerts
 Writing Area 	
Communicatio	DN
 Connection 	Network
Personal	
 Buttons 	 Color Theme

Preferences Menu

Define your system preferences in this menu, including sound, date and time, writing area, and power management.



Digitizer/Touchscreen

The Digitizer and Touchscreen applications calibrate the handheld to the touch, aligning the position of the stylus to the screen's electronic touch sensors.

- 1. Select **Digitizer** or **Touchscreen** from the Preferences menu.
- 2. Hold the stylus as you would a pen.
- 3. Tap the center of each target on the screen until calibrated.

Repeat this process when the handheld doesn't respond properly to light tapping.



Date and Time

Student's assessments are time stamped for reporting purposes. Setting the correct date and time is critical for synchronization and collection of accurate data.

- 1. Tap the **Location** arrow to select your city.
- 2. Tap the dotted **Set Date** and **Set Time** boxes to open dialogs that guide the rest of the process.
- 3. Tap **Done** when finished.



Power Management

In order to conserve battery life, the handheld automatically turns off after a certain length of idle time. During assessment periods, set the handheld to turn off after 3 minutes.

- 1. Tap the arrow to set **Auto-off** to 3 minutes.
- 2. Set **On while Charging** to Off.
- 3. Set **Beam Receive** to On.
- 4. Tap **Done** when finished.



Sounds and Alerts

Control the level of the different types of sounds on the handheld. System sounds are sounds the handheld makes when performing system functions, such as syncing.

- 1. Select **Silent** to prevent sounds from interrupting an assessment.
- 2. Tap **Done** when finished.



Writing Area

When working with mCLASS applications it is important to have the writing area constricted by putting it in the Off mode. Writing will then be available within the input area only. Write letters on the left side of the text input area and numbers on the right side. Capital letters are made by writing between the letter and number areas.

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sh	shift space - /									
C	Done abc 123 Int'l									

Entering Text

Under the **Owner** option, practice entering text by naming yourself as the owner of the handheld. This name may be changed without affecting the handheld settings or your ability to sync.

- 1. Once the blinking cursor appears, write directly in the input area.
- 2. You may also tap **ABC** within the input area to open the onscreen keyboard and type.
- 3. Tap **Done** when finished.



Other Features Note Pad

The Note Pad is another useful feature both for personal and classroom purposes. Many teachers use it to record student observations throughout the school day.

- 1. Tap **Note Pad** on the Main menu or press the application hard button.
- 2. Begin writing directly on the screen to create a new note or tap **New**.
- 3. Place the note in a category by choosing from the pick list in the upper right.



Categories

Categories function like a filing system for information stored on the handheld.

- 1. From the Main menu, and almost any application, choose **Edit Categories** on the Category pick list.
- 2. Tap **New** to create a category (e.g., Student Notes to organize observations recorded using Note Pad).
- 3. Tap **OK** when finished.
- 4. Check the application's pick list to verify that the new category appears.



Calendar

Use the calendar to plan activities ahead of time. During assessment periods it may be useful to block time for students and set alarms to help stay on schedule.

- 1. Tap the **Calendar** icon or press the application button.
- 2. Tap an empty line to plan a new event, then tap **Details**.
- 3. Assign values to date, time, category, and recurrence as needed.



6:08 pm	🕨 🔻 Unfiled
Half power	



Battery Power Gauge

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If the battery drains, all information entered after your last sync may be lost. Frequent charging is the only way to avoid information loss unless you have a handheld with persistent memory. See your handheld's manual for more information.

- As the battery discharges, the gauge loses its color.
- When the handheld is plugged in with the power cord, a lightning bolt indicates that the battery is charging.
 - Recharge the handheld or replace removable batteries as soon as the low battery warning appears.



cable to recharge.

OK

Information Loss

If the battery has run down and assessments have been lost, recharge and sync three times. Only data synced *prior* to battery loss can be recovered.

- 1. Sync at an mCLASS Sync Station to restore data from the backup folder.
- 2. Tap **WGSync**, then enter your user name and password.
- 3. Sync once to install updates and again to update class data.
- 4. Verify that all applications and assessment data have been recovered.
- 5. Confirm that the date is correct.



Reset

If the handheld locks up, try resetting. Depending on the severity of the problem, different types of resets may be performed. Never use a sharp object (some styli have a reset pin under the tip).

- 1. Soft reset: Press the **Reset** button on the back panel until the logo screen appears.
- 2. Warm reset: Hold the **Up** button on the five-way navigator and press the **Reset** button until the logo screen appears.
- 3. Hard reset: *This will delete all unsynchronized records*. Repeat step 1 while holding down the **Power** button.



Synchronization

Synchronization is the operation by which the handheld and your computer exchange information. You can never sync too often, and you should sync at least once a day.

Your computer must be connected to the Internet when syncing with the mCLASS server. Syncing uploads the assessment results to the secure Wireless Generation server, downloads updates to your handheld, and automatically updates the class and student reports on the mCLASS:Home Web site.



Syncing

- 1. Plug the sync cable into both the handheld and the computer's USB port. For some models, you will place the handheld on a cradle.
- 2. Tap the **Sync** button on the Main menu then on the Sync screen.
- 3. Log in to <u>www.mclasshome.com</u> to ensure that the current date appears beneath Sync Status on the right side of the screen.



WGSync

WGSync is the application that tells your handheld to exchange assessment information with Wireless Generation's servers.

- 1. Tap **WGSync** on the Main menu.
- 2. Verify user name and password or enter that information for the first time by tapping the boxes.
- 3. Tap **OK**.
- 4. Tap the **Home** soft button on the handheld to return to the Main menu.

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Secure Web Site

Only data involving mCLASS products are synced to the secure mCLASS[®]:Home Web site. After checking the Sync Status, you may check assessment results, see "What's New" at Wireless Generation, update settings, and consult the Support & Resource Center.

Sync Troubleshooting Handheld Not Syncing

If you are using an mCLASS Sync Station but nothing happens when you sync:

- 1. Verify that the sync cable is plugged into both the handheld and the computer.
- 2. Verify that the sync icon appears on the desktop's toolbar. If not, go to the Start menu, open Program Files, then your handheld software, and select your sync manager.
- 3. If you still cannot sync, reboot the computer and repeat the first two steps.
- 4. If this issue is not resolved, contact Wireless Generation's Customer Care department by email at help@wgen.net or call (800) 823-1969, option 3, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. 7 p.m. EST.

Assessment Results Not Synced

If your assessment results have not synced, confirm that:

- 1. The Sync Station computer has a live connection to the Internet.
- 2. The mCLASS:Sync software has been installed on the computer.
- 3. The WGSync icon appears on the Main menu.
- 4. Your user name and password are entered, and that this is the same user name and password you use to log in to <u>www.mclasshome.com</u>.
- 5. The conduit is on the list of items and set to synchronize. To check this, click the **Sync** icon, then click the **Custom** tab.

Classes Not Appearing on the Handheld

If your classes do not appear on the handheld after syncing, confirm the following:

- 1. You've synced twice after installing WGSync at an mCLASS Sync Station.
- 2. The user name and password on the handheld are the same as those used to log in to <u>www.mclasshome.com</u>.
- 3. A Class list has been created on mCLASS:Home.
- 4. You are the teacher assigned to this class. To check this, go to the Classes section of the Web site and verify that you are designated as an Owner of this class.

Starting a New Assessment Open mCLASS:DIBELS and Select the Assessment Type

- 1. Turn on the handheld and select **All** from the list on the Main menu.
- 2. Tap the **DIBELS** icon.



3. The mCLASS:DIBELS Home screen opens. Check to ensure the date is correct before starting an assessment.



4. Select whether you would like to administer a Benchmark or Progress Monitoring assessment and tap the corresponding button to open the Class list.

Use the Class List to Launch an Assessment

After you tap **Benchmark** or **Progress Mon.** on the mCLASS:DIBELS Home screen, the Class list opens. While the information differs slightly between the Benchmark and Progress Monitoring Class lists, you start an assessment using the same four steps.



- If you assess students in more than one class, tap the Class menu in the upper left to select the correct class.
- Selecting a different assessment period from the list allows you to view individual probe results from that assessment period.
- If you select **Name** from the Sort By list, students appear in alphabetical order; if **Priority** is selected, students are listed by the Support categories determined in the most recently completed Benchmark assessment red for Intensive support, yellow for Strategic support, Green for benchmark, and gray for an incomplete assessment.
- Tap **Report** to view the student's progress and assessment history.
- Tap Act to launch recommended support activities.

Once you select a student, the Class list displays pertinent information for administering the assessment. The information differs depending on whether you have chosen Benchmark or Progress Monitoring.

Benchmark Class List



A mark on the **Measure** button indicates the student's status on that measure. Measure buttons without a mark indicate a required measure.



Tap the appropriate **Measure** button to begin a task.

Progress Monitoring Class List



Support Categories

While each student will need to take the Benchmark portions of the assessment, only certain students require Progress Monitoring (PM). Choose a student for PM by referring to the Support Category indicators on the Class list coupled with the number of days since the student's last assessment. Each Support Category has a recommended monitoring frequency.

Dot Color	Support Category	Monitoring Frequency
Red	Intensive	Weekly or biweekly
Yellow	Strategic	Every 3 to 4 weeks
Green	Benchmark	Not necessary
Gray	Not completed	Not applicable

The Support Categories are assigned according to decision rules based on data collected when defining cutoff points for reaching Benchmark on a measure and the odds of achieving subsequent literacy goals. There is no one formula that suffices to identify the Support Categories. In general, if a student's overall performance was Low Risk or Established, then he or she would be at grade level and considered Benchmark; if a student was Some Risk or Emerging, he or she would be considered for Strategic support; if a student was High Risk or Deficit, he or she would be considered in need of Intensive support. For more detailed information, read the Summary of Decision Rules.

Common Features

Information Screens

When you select a measure, the first screen to appear contains a list of reminders and information relevant to the measure. The screens will resemble the images below, but text will differ depending on the chosen measure.

To see the Information screens after clearing **Show Info. Screen**, tap **Information**, which looks like the letter i and appears at the top of each measure's Instructions screen.





Instruction Screens

Following the Information screens, a series of scripted instructions guide you through administration of the assessment. These Instruction screens may contain interactive practice questions and/or specific prompts to be read to the student, as shown by the Mr. Say icon.



After completing the practices, and when you are certain that both you and the student understand the measure, tap **Start** to assess the student.

Timers

Many mCLASS:DIBELS measures call for the assessor to track the time that passes between student responses. In Letter Naming Fluency, for example, if the student hesitates for three seconds on a letter, tell the student the letter to keep the assessment moving along.

The handheld provides two ways of monitoring time: the digital timer in the upper left corner of the screen and the graphic counter in the center.



Ending Timed Measures

Because many of the DIBELS measures require assessment for only one minute, the handheld gives a visual warning when time is almost up.

On each timed measure, the assessment screen turns yellow when only five seconds remain.

At the end of the one-minute administration time, the screen returns to its original color. The timer flashes "Done." Tap **Done** to end the measure and review the results.



Results Screen

After you've completed a measure, the Results screen summarizes the student's performance on the completed probe and allows you to record observations.

Score Tab

The **Score** tab appears on the Results screen first. Its primary purpose is to display the student's score and the corresponding risk or proficiency level.



To return to the Class list from the Results screen, tap **Done** in the lower right corner.

ASSESSMENT ROAD MAP

Observe Tab

The **Observe** tab allows you to review a list of common student response patterns for a particular measure. You can indicate whether the student exhibited any of these behaviors during administration by selecting the corresponding box.



Act Tab

Tap **Act** on the Results screen or the Class list to open reinforcement activities that may help students master the Big Ideas. Activities are recommended for students whose risk level is high or some according to the latest Benchmark score. Activities are optional for low-risk students.

PSF Karen Aashdown_1 💼	
SCORE OBSERVE ACT	
Karen's latest Benchmark PSF score falls into an "Emerging" category. It is recommended that you reinforce the skill with the provided activities:	
RECOMMENDED	1. Tap Recommended (or Optional) to choose activities for the corresponding measure.
NOTE OMOTIV. 63 PROBE VONE	
ACT PHONEMIC AWARENESS	2. Select an Activity Type.
Tap an activity to begin:	
Say-It-and-Move-It START Beginning, Middle, End START Shoulder Elhow & Hand START	3. Tap Start to select the corresponding Activity.
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Invalidation During Administration

Though invalidations will be infrequent, it is still important to be familiar with the different methods of invalidation. A measure should always be invalidated, or deleted, when an interruption or mistake occurs that undermines the validity of the score. Examples include:

- Intercom announcements
- Fire drills
- Scoring errors that can't easily be corrected
- A child forgets his or her glasses

To invalidate a measure during administration, tap **Home** in the upper right corner and a dialog box will appear.



Tap **Exit and Invalidate** in that dialog box to return to the Class list. The handheld records the invalidation so that this probe form will not be administered again unless selected.

If you invalidate a Benchmark measure you will need to administer that measure again to complete the Benchmark. Avoid administering the same form more than once because the student's familiarity with the form may result in a score that doesn't accurately represent skill.

ALTERNATE FORM SELECTION	
The Last O	S PROBE WAS INVALIDATED I TIME. WOULD YOU LIKE TO: REUSE THE BENCHMARK FORM SELECT A PROGRESS MONITORING FORM INSTEAD
/	PROGRESS MON. FORM 1 PROGRESS MON. FORM 2 PROGRESS MON. FORM 3 PROGRESS MON. FORM 4 PROGRESS MON. FORM 5
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After Administration

Sometimes, you may need to invalidate a measure after administration is complete. Access the student's results long after it has been administered by tapping the student's name, then tapping the appropriate **Measure**. Tap the **Probe** button at the bottom of the screen. This takes you to the Review Mode for that activity, where you can review the student's response to each item of the measure. To invalidate the measure, tap **Probe Not Valid**, then confirm your decision to finalize the invalidation.



Initial Sound Fluency Target Age Range

Initial	Sound F	luency												
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
Preschool		Ki	ndergart	en	F	irst Grad	e	Se	cond Gra	de	Т	hird Grad	е	

Initial Sound Fluency (ISF) is intended for most students beginning in preschool through the middle of kindergarten. It may also be appropriate for monitoring the progress of older students who are struggling with Phonological Awareness.

Description

DIBELS Initial Sound Fluency (ISF) is a standardized, individually administered measure of Phonological Awareness that assesses a child's ability to recognize and produce the initial sound in an orally presented word (Kaminski & Good, 1998; Laimon, 1994). The examiner presents four pictures to the student, names each picture, then asks the student to identify (i.e., point to or say) the picture that begins with the sound produced orally by the examiner. For example, the examiner says, "This is sink, cat, gloves, hat. Which picture begins with /s/?" and the student points to the correct picture. The child is also asked to orally produce the beginning sound for an orally presented word that matches one of the given pictures. The handheld records the amount of time taken to identify or produce the correct sound and converts the score into the number of onsets correct in a minute.

The ISF measure takes about 3 minutes to administer and has 20 alternate forms. The ISF measure is a minimal revision of the Onset Recognition Fluency (OnRF) measure. Alternate-form reliability of the OnRF measure is .72 in January of kindergarten (Good, et al., in press). By repeating the assessment four times, the resulting average is estimated to have a reliability of .91 (Nunnally, 1978). The concurrent, criterion-related validity of OnRF with DIBELS PSF is .48 in January of kindergarten and .36 with the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Readiness Cluster score (Good et al., in press). The predictive validity of OnRF with respect to spring-of-first-grade reading on CBM ORF is .45, and .36 with the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Total Reading Cluster score (Good et al., in press).

The benchmark goal is 25 to 35 initial sounds correct by the middle of kindergarten. Students unable to correctly identify 10 initial sounds at that time may need intensive instructional support.

Materials

Student materials

Handheld with stylus

ISF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the ISF measure.
- 2. Tap **Proceed** after reading the reminders. Mr. Say prompts you to read these directions aloud:

This is *mouse*, *flowers*, *pillow*, *letters*. (Point to each picture while saying its name). *Mouse* (point to mouse) begins with the sound /m/. Listen, /m/, mouse. Which one begins with the sounds /fl/?

INCORRECT RESPONSE If the student gives any response but <i>flowers</i> :	CORRECT RESPONSE Student points to flowers:
Tap Incorrect and say:	Tap Correct and say:
Flowers (point to flowers) begins with the sounds /fl/. Listen, /fl/, flowers. Let's try it again. Which one begins with the sound /fl/?	Good. Flowers begins with the sounds IfII.
Based on the student's response, tap Correct or Incorrect to continue to the next example.	Continue to the next example.

Pillow (point to pillow) begins with the sound /p/. Listen, /p/, pillow. What sound does *letters* (point to letters) begin with?

INCORRECT RESPONSE	CORRECT RESPONSE
If student gives any other response but /l/:	Student says /l/:
Tap the Incorrect button and say:	
Letters (point to letters) begins with the sound /l/. Listen, /l/, letters. Let's try it again.	Tap the Correct button and say:
What sound does letters (point to letters) begin with?	Good. Letters begins with the sound ///.
Tap the Correct or Incorrect button.	

Here are some more pictures. Listen carefully to the words. (Tap **Begin**.) Show the student the first page of pictures. Point to each picture and say the name while following the directions on your handheld.

3. Read the first question. When you finish asking the question, tap **Start** to begin timing.



4. As soon as the student responds, tap **Stop**.



5. Tap **Correct** to indicate a correct answer or the red **X|5 SECS** button to indicate an incorrect answer or a five-second hesitation.



- 6. After reading the next question, tap **Start** again.
- 7. After each set of questions, proceed to the next page of student task pictures. Continue until the child has answered all 16 questions.
- 8. When the response to the last question is recorded, the ISF results screen opens. The handheld immediately calculates the ISF score using this formula:

$$ISF = \frac{60 \ x \ Number \ Correct}{Seconds}$$

- 9. Use the Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results.
- 10. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

ISF Scoring Procedures

Articulation and Dialect. The student is not penalized for imperfect pronunciation due to dialect, articulation, or second language interference. For example, the student responds /th/ when asked for the first sound in *sink*. If the student consistently says /th/ for /s/, as in *thircle* for *circle*, he or she should be given credit for a correct initial sound. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the student's responses and any prior knowledge of his or her speech patterns.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
What sound does "sink" begin with?	/th/	CORRECT

Correct Initial Consonant Sound. If the word starts with an initial consonant sound, the student can respond with the first sound or initial sounds. For example, if the word is *clock*, a correct initial sound would be */c/* or */cl/* or */klo/* but not */l/* or *clock*.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
What sound does "clock" begin with?	/k/	CORRECT
What sound does "clock" begin with?	/kl/	CORRECT
What sound does "clock" begin with?	/klo/	CORRECT
What sound does "clock" begin with?	///	X 5 SECS
What sound does "clock" begin with?	"clock"	SEOS

Correct Initial Vowel Sound. If the word starts with an initial vowel sound, the student can respond with the initial vowel sound or initial sounds. For example, if the word is *elephant*, a correct initial sound would be /e/ or /el/ or /ele/, but not the name of the letter /ea/.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
What sound does "elephant" begin with?	/e/	CORRECT
What sound does "elephant" begin with?	/el/	✓ CORRECT
What sound does "elephant" begin with?	/ea/	🗙 i s secs
What sound does "elephant" begin with?	/ele/	CORRECT

Naming Rule. If the student names the correct picture instead of pointing to it, score the item correct.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
This is pie, letter, flower, and mouse. Which picture begins with /p/?	"pie"	CORRECT

Discontinue. The handheld suggests that assessment discontinue if the student fails to answer the first five questions correctly. Tap **Discontinue** to quit or **Keep Going** to continue the measure.



Prompting. If the child answers the examples correctly but does not answer a question correctly, prompt the student by saying, "Remember to tell me a picture that begins with the sound (repeat stimulus sound)." This prompt can only be used once.

Renaming (Correct Initial Sound). If the student renames a picture, and the name begins with the correct (target) initial sound, score as correct. For example, if the target picture is *hand* for */h/*, and the student points at road and says *highway*, score the item correct.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
This is road, barn, hand, and egg. Which picture begins with /h/?	"highway"	CORRECT

Renaming (Incorrect Initial Sound). If the student renames the picture and the name begins with an incorrect initial sound, score the item incorrect. For example, if the target picture is *barn* for */b/* and the student points at barn but says *house*, score the item incorrect.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
This is road, barn, hand, and egg. Which picture begins with /b/?	"house"	🗙 (5 SEOS

Schwa Sounds. Schwa sounds (/u/) added to a consonant are not counted as errors. Some phonemes cannot be pronounced correctly in isolation without a vowel, and some early learning of sounds includes the schwa.

PROMPT	STUDENT SAYS	SCORE
What sound does "clock" begin with?	/ku/	CORRECT
What sound does "clock" begin with?	/klu/	CORRECT

Pronunciation Guide

Different regions of the country use different dialects of American English. These pronunciation examples may be modified or distinguished consistently with regional dialects and conventions. See the ISF Scoring Procedure section for clarification.

PHONEME EXAMPLE
bait
bead
tie
boat
food
bad
bed
bid
cod or law
bud and "a" in about
good
COW
noise or point
(1 phoneme) car
(1 phoneme) bird
(1 phoneme) for
(2 phonemes) chair
(2 phonemes) clear
(2 phonemes) tour

PHONEME	PHONEME EXAMPLE
/th/	thin
/th/	then
/sh/	shed
/SH/	measure or beige
/ch/	chin
/j/	jam or edge
/p/	pen
/t/	tap
/k/	can
/b/	bat
/d/	dad
/g/	gun or frog
/m/	man or jam
/n/	nap
/ng/	sing
/f/	fat
/v/	van
/s/	sit
/z/	Z00
/r/	rat or frog
/\/	lap
/w/	wet
/h/	hot
/y/	yell

Letter Naming Fluency Target Age Range

			Letter	Naming	Fluency									
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
	Preschoo		Ki	ndergart	en	F	irst Grad	e	Se	cond Gra	de	T	hird Grad	le

Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) is intended for most students from the beginning of kindergarten through the beginning of first grade. A final cut-off goal is not provided for LNF because it does not correspond to a Big Idea in Beginning Reading. Students in the lowest 20 percent of a school district using local norms should be considered "at risk" for poor reading outcomes, and those between the 20th percentile and 40th percentile should be considered at "some risk."

Description

DIBELS Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) is a standardized, individually administered test based on research by Marston and Magnusson that provides a measure of risk. Students are presented with a page of uppercase and lowercase letters arranged in a random order and are asked to name as many letters as they can.

Students are told that if they do not know a letter they will be told the letter. The student is allowed one minute to produce as many letter names as he or she can, and the score is the number of letters named correctly.

Students are considered at risk for difficulty achieving early literacy benchmark goals if they perform in the lowest 20% of students in their district. That is, below the 20th percentile using local district norms. Students are considered at some risk if they perform between the 20th and 40th percentile using local norms. Students are considered at low risk if they perform above the 40th percentile using local norms.

The one-month, alternate-form reliability of LNF is .88 in kindergarten (Good et al., in press). The median criterion-related validity of LNF with the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Revised Readiness Cluster standard score is .70 in kindergarten (Good et al., in press). The predictive validity of kindergarten LNF with the first-grade Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Revised Reading Cluster standard score is .65, and .71 with the first grade Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) Oral Reading Fluency (Good et al., in press).

Materials

Student materials

Handheld with stylus

LNF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the LNF measure.
- 2. Place the assessment materials in front of the student.
- 3. After you read the reminders, tap **Proceed**. Mr. Say prompts you to read these directions aloud:

Here are some letters (point). Tell me the names of as many letters as you can. When I say "Begin," start here (point), and go across the page (point). Point to each letter and tell me the name of that letter. (Tap **Next**.) If you come to a letter you don't know, I'll tell it to you. Put your finger on the first letter. Ready, begin.

- 4. Tap Begin.
- 5. When the student says the first letter, tap **Start** in the upper left to start the timer.
- 6. As the student reads through the letters follow along on the handheld. With the stylus, tap all letters named incorrectly (see LNF Scoring Procedure for more detailed information).
- 7. If the student provides the letter sound rather than the letter name, say, "Remember to tell me the letter name, not the sound it makes." This prompt may be provided only once during the administration. If the student continues providing letter sounds, mark each letter as incorrect and, from the Results screen indicate the student behavior on the **Observe** tab.
- 8. If the student skips an entire row, tap the **X** at the beginning of the skipped row. The row is crossed out, and it is not counted in scoring.



- 9. After 55 seconds elapse, the screen turns yellow as a warning that only 5 seconds remain.
- 10. When the timer reaches :60, Mr. Say prompts you to say "Stop."
- 11. Complete any additional scoring. When finished, drag and place the bracket (]) after the last letter the student attempted to name. The **Done** button appears.
- 12. Tap **Done**. The Results screen opens. Use the Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results.
- 13. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

LNF Scoring Procedures

Articulation and Dialect. The student is not penalized for imperfect pronunciation due to dialect, articulation, or second language interference. For example, if the student consistently says /th/ for /s/ and pronounces "thee" for "see" when naming the letter C, he or she should be given credit for naming the letter correctly. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the student's responses and any prior knowledge of his or her speech patterns.

LETTERS	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTERS
x S C n	"ektheththeen"	x S C n	4 /4

Discontinue. The handheld will suggest that the test be discontinued if the student does not get any correct letter names within the first ten letters (one row). Tap **Discontinue** assessment or **Keep Going** to continue the measure.



Incorrect Letter. A letter is incorrect if the student substitutes a different letter for the stimulus letter (e.g., *V* for *X*).

LETTERS	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTERS
Z x f m	"zvfm"	Z 🗙 fm	3 /4
I E R K	"lepj"	1 E 🖪 K	2 /4

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Omissions. A letter is incorrect if the student omits the letter.

LETTERS	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTERS
Z x f m	"zfm"	Z 🔀 f m	3 /4
I E R K	"lk"	1 🖪 🛚 K	2 /4

Self-Corrections. If a student makes an error and corrects him or herself within three seconds, tap the letter again to indicate that it is correct. Remember also to indicate that the student self-corrects in the Observe section that comes up after the task.

Similarly Shaped Font. For some fonts the uppercase letter i and the lowercase letter L are difficult or impossible to distinguish. A response of either i or L is scored as correct. For example, if the letters are I (uppercase i) $D \ s \ I$ (lowercase L) and the student names them both L, score as correct.

LETTERS	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTERS
IERK	"ierk"	1 E R K	4 /4

Three-Second Hesitations. If the student hesitates for three seconds on a letter, tap the letter to score it as incorrect. Provide the correct letter, point to the next letter and ask, "What letter?" This prompt may be repeated. For example, if the letters are $Z \times f m$ and the student says, "Z" and hesitates for three seconds, prompt by saying, "X." Point to f and ask, "What letter?" You can use the flashing response timer at the top of the screen to track three-second time periods.

LETTERS	STUDENT SAYS	PROMPT	SCORING PROCEDURE
Z x f m	"z" (3 sec)	"X. What letter?" (point to "f")	Z 🗙 fm
I E R K	"I e" (3 sec)	"R. What letter?" (point to "k")	1 E 🖪 K

Vertical Rule. If a student begins to read vertically instead of horizontally, redirect the student to read across the lines.

Phoneme Segmentation Fluency Target Age Range

				Phoneme Segmentation Fluency										
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
Preschool K		indergarten First Grade			Se	cond Gra	de	Т	hird Grad	e				

Phoneme Segmentation Fluency is intended for most students from the middle of kindergarten through the end of first grade. It may also be appropriate for monitoring the progress of older students who are struggling with Phonological Awareness.

Description

DIBELS Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF) is a standardized, individually administered test of Phonological Awareness (Good et al., 2001). The PSF measure assesses a student's ability to segment three- and four-phoneme words into their individual phonemes fluently. The PSF measure has been found to be a good predictor of later reading achievement (Kaminski & Good, 1996). The PSF task is administered by the examiner orally presenting words of three to four phonemes. It requires the student to verbally produce the individual phonemes for each word. For example, the examiner says "sat" and the student says "/s/ /a/ /t/" to receive three possible points for the word. After the student responds, the examiner presents the next word, and the number of correct phonemes produced in one minute determines the final score.

The PSF measure takes about two minutes to administer and has 20 alternate forms for monitoring progress. The two-week, alternate-form reliability for the PSF measure is .88 (Kaminski & Good, 1996), and the one-month, alternate-form reliability is .79 in May of kindergarten (Good et al., in press). Concurrent, criterion validity of PSF is .54 with the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Readiness Cluster score in spring of kindergarten (Good et al., in press). The predictive validity of spring-of-kindergarten PSF with (a) winter-of-first-grade DIBELS NWF is .62, (b) the spring-of-first-grade Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Total Reading Cluster is .68, and (c) the spring-of-first-grade CBM ORF is .62 (Good et al., in press).

The benchmark goal is 35 to 45 correct phonemes per minute in the spring of kindergarten and fall of first grade. Students scoring below 10 in the spring of kindergarten and fall of first grade may need intensive instructional support to achieve benchmark goals.

Materials

Handheld with stylus

PSF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the PSF measure.
- 2. Tap **Proceed** after you read the reminders. Mr. Say will prompt you to read these directions aloud and practice questions to the student:

I am going to say a word. After I say it, you tell me all the sounds in the word. (Tap **Next**.) So, if I say *sam*, you would say /s/ /a/ /m/. Let's try one (one-second pause). Tell me the sounds in *mop*.

INCORRECT OR NO RESPONSE If the student does not respond within <u>three seconds</u> or responds incorrectly:	CORRECT RESPONSE If the student says /m/ /o/ /p/:
Tap the Incorrect button and say:	Tap the Correct button.
The sounds in "mop" are Im/ IoI IpI. Your turn, tell me the sounds in "mop."	
Tap Correct or Incorrect .	Very good. The sounds in "mop" are ImI IoI IpI.

- 3. Then say, "OK. Here is your first word." (Tap Begin.)
- 4. Read the first word as prompted by Mr. Say. Then tap **Start** to begin timing.
- 5. If the student does not say a sound segment after three seconds, tap **Next** and read the next word as prompted. The next word can be found in a small bubble directly above the **Next** button.
- 6. As the student says the sounds, enter the response on the handheld using the annotations shown in the PSF Scoring Procedure section.
- 7. After you finish scoring the student's response, present the next word promptly and clearly, then tap **Next**.
- 8. The maximum time for each sound segment is three seconds. Use the response timer at the top of the screen to track three-second periods of time. If the student does not provide the next sound segment within three seconds, tap **Next** and read the next word as prompted. If the student provides only the initial sound, wait three seconds for elaboration before tapping **Next** and reading the next word.
- 9. After 55 seconds have elapsed, the assessment screen turns yellow as a warning that only 5 seconds remain.
- 10. At the end of one minute, finish scoring the last word the student segmented before time ran out, and then tap **Done**. The Results screen opens. Use the Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results.
- 11. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

PSF Scoring Procedures

- 1. Record an incorrectly pronounced phoneme by tapping the phoneme on the screen. The phoneme turns red, and a red X appears under the rectangular scoring area.
- 2. Record a correctly pronounced phoneme by tapping the square space below the phoneme.
- 3. For omitted phonemes, no action needs to be taken.
- 4. Indicate phonemes that the student blended by drawing a line (from left to right) through the squares beneath the joined phonemes.
- 5. To undo a recorded response, tap the box under the rectangular scoring area containing the improperly scored phoneme, or trace that line from right to left through the scoring box for each incorrectly scored phoneme.
- 6. If the student repeats the whole word, indicate that by drawing a line (from left to right) through all the boxes.

Correct Segmentation. A correct sound segment is any different, correct part of the word represented by sounds that correspond to the word part. For example, the sound /t/ is a correct sound segment of *trick*, as are /tr/ and /tri/.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"trik"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>4</u> /4
cat	"kat"	<u>/k/ /a/ /t/</u>	<u>3</u> /3



Segment Mispronunciation. The student does not receive credit for sound segments that are mispronounced. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "t...r..i...ks," they would receive no credit for /ks/ because there is no /ks/ sound segment in the word *trick*.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"triks"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>3</u> /4
cat	"bat"	<mark>7k7</mark> <u>/ a/ /t/</u>	<u>2</u> /3

Discontinue. If a student does not correctly pronounce any sound segments in the first five words, the handheld will prompt you to discontinue the task. Tap **Discontinue** to confirm.



Schwa Sounds. Schwa sounds, such as /u/, added to consonants are not counted as errors. Some phonemes cannot be pronounced correctly in isolation without a vowel, and some early learning of sounds includes the schwa. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "tu...ru...i...ku," he or she would receive four of four points.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"turuiku"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>4</u> /4
cat	"kuatu"	<u>/k/ /a/ /t/</u>	<u>3 /</u> 3

Incomplete Segmentation. The student is given credit for each correct sound segment, even if they have not segmented to the phoneme level. Underline to indicate the sound segment. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "tr...ik," he or she would receive two of four points.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"trik"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>2</u> /4
cat	"kat"	<u>/k/ /a/ /t/</u>	<u>2</u> /3



Sound Elongation. The student may elongate the individual sounds and run them together as long as it is clear he or she is aware of each sound individually. For example, if students say "rrrrrreeeeessst," with each phoneme held long enough to make it clear they know the sounds in the word, they would receive credit for four phonemes. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the student's responses and prior knowledge of the student's pattern. When in doubt, no credit is given.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
rest	"rrrrreeeeesssst"	<u>/r/ /e/ /s/ /t/</u>	<u>4</u> /4

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Additions. Additions are not counted as errors if they are separated from other sounds in the word. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "t...r..i...k...s," he or she would receive all four points.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"triks"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>4</u> /4
cat	"skat"	<u>/k/ /a/ /t/</u>	<u>3</u> /3

Overlapping Segmentation. The student receives credit for each different, correct sound segment of the word. Thus, if the word is *trick* and the student says "tri...ik," the student would receive two of four points because /tri/ and /ik/ are both different, correct sound segments of *trick*.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"triik"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/</u> /k/	<u>2</u> /4
cat	"kaat"	<u>/k/ /a/</u> /t/	<u>3</u> /3

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e punch		4/4
<u>/p/</u> /u/	/n/ /ch/	
p pu un	ch	
	me	ans 🔪
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Omissions. The student does not receive credit for sound segments that are not produced. Leave these segments blank. If the student provides the initial sound only, be sure to wait three seconds for elaboration. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "tr," you must wait three seconds before presenting the next word.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"tr(3 seconds)"	<u>/t/ /r/</u> /i/ /k/	<u>1</u> /4
cat	"kt"	<u>/k/</u> /a/ <u>/t/</u>	<u>2</u> /3

No Segmentation. If the student repeats the entire word, no credit is given for any correct parts. For example, if the word is *trick* and the student says "trick," underline the entire word. No points will be awarded.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
trick	"trik"	<u>/t/ /r/ /i/ /k/</u>	<u>0</u> /4
cat	"kat"	<u>/k//a//t/</u>	<u>0</u> /3



Articulation and Dialect. The student is not penalized for imperfect pronunciation due to dialect, articulation, or second language interference. For example, if the student consistently says /th/ for /s/, as in /r/ /e/ /th/ /t/ for "rest," he or she should be given credit for correct segmentation. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the student's responses and any prior knowledge of his or her speech patterns.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT SEGMENTS
rest	"retht"	<u>/r/ /e/ /s/ /t/</u>	<u>4</u> /4

PSF Pronunciation Guide

Different regions of the country use different dialects of American English. These pronunciation examples may be modified or distinguished consistently with regional dialects and conventions. For clarification see the PSF Scoring Procedure section.

PHONEME	PHONEME EXAMPLE
/ai/	bait
/ea/	bead
/ie/	tie
/oa/	boat
/00/	food
/a/	bad
/e/	bed
/i/	bid
/o/	cod or law
/u/	bud and "a" in about
/uu/	good
/ow/	COW
/oi/	noise or point
/ar/	(1 phoneme) car
/ir/	(1 phoneme) bird
/or/	(1 phoneme) for
/ai/ /r/	(2 phonemes) chair
/ea/ /r/	(2 phonemes) clear
/oo/ /r/	(2 phonemes) tour

PHONEME	PHONEME EXAMPLE
/th/	thin
/th/	then
/sh/	shed
/sh/	measure or beige
/ch/	chin
/j/	jam or edge
/p/	pen
/t/	tap
/k/	can
/b/	bat
/d/	dad
/g/	gun or frog
/m/	man or jam
/n/	nap
/ng/	sing
/f/	fat
/v/	van
/s/	sit
/z/	Z00
/r/	rat or frog
/\/	lap
/w/	wet
/h/	hot
/y/	yell

Nonsense Word Fluency Target Age Range

				DIBELS Nonsense Word Fluency										
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
	Preschoo		Ki	ndergart	en	F	irst Grad	e	Se	cond Gra	de	Т	hird Grad	e

Nonsense Word Fluency is intended for most students from the middle of kindergarten through the beginning of second grade. It may be appropriate for monitoring the progress of older students who are struggling with letter-sound correspondence.

Description

DIBELS Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) is a standardized, individually administered test of the Alphabetic Principle, including letter-sound correspondence and the ability to blend letters into words in which letters represent their most common sounds (Kaminski & Good, 1996). The student is presented an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper with randomly ordered vowel-consonant (VC) and consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) nonsense words (e.g., sig, rav, ov) and asked to verbally produce the individual letter sound of each letter or to verbally produce, or to read, the whole nonsense word. For example, if the stimulus word is *vaj* the student could say /v/ /a/ /j/ or say the word /vaj/ to obtain a total of three letter sounds correct. The student is allowed one minute to produce as many letter sounds as he or she can, and the final score is the number of letter sounds produced correctly in one minute. The NWF measure takes about two minutes to administer and has more than 20 alternate forms for monitoring progress.

The one-month alternate-form reliability for NWF in January of first grade is .83 (Good et al., in press). The concurrent criterion-validity of DIBELS NWF with the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Revised Readiness Cluster score is .36 in January and .59 in February of first grade (Good et al., in press). The predictive validity of DIBELS NWF in January of first grade with (a) CBM ORF in May of first grade is .82, (b) CBM ORF in May of second grade is .60, (c) the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery Total Reading Cluster is .66 (Good et al., in press).

The benchmark goal for Nonsense Word Fluency is 50 correct letter sounds per minute by the middle of first grade. Students scoring below 30 at that time may need intensive instructional support to achieve first grade reading goals.

Materials

Student materials Handheld with stylus

NWF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the NWF measure.
- 2. Place a copy of the student materials in front of the student.
- 3. Read the reminders and tap **Proceed**. Mr. Say prompts you to read these directions aloud:

Look at this word (point). It's a make-believe word. Watch me read the word (point): /s/ /i/ /m/ "sim." I can say the sounds of the letters, /s/ /i/ /m/, or I can read the whole word, "sim." (Tap **Next**.)

Your turn to read a make-believe word. Read this word the best you can (point to the word "lut"). Make sure you say any sounds you know.

INCORRECT OR NO RESPONSE	CORRECT RESPONSE
If the student does not respond within <u>three seconds</u> or responds incorrectly:	If the student responds with "lut" or /l/ /u/ /t/:
Tap Incorrect and say: Remember, you can say the sounds or you can say the whole word. Watch me: The sounds are (point) /// /u/ /t/ or "lut." Let's try again. Read this (point) word the best you can.	Tap Correct and say: That's right. The sounds are III Iul Itl or "lut."

4. Continue with the directions:

Here are some more make-believe words (point). (Tap **Next**.) Start here (point) and go across the page (point). When I say "Begin," read the words the best you can. (Tap **Next**.) Point to each letter and tell me the sound or read the whole word. Read the words the best you can. Put your finger on the first word. (Tap **Begin**.) Ready? Begin.

- 5. When the student starts reading the first nonsense word, tap **Start** to begin timing.
- 6. Follow along on the handheld, tapping or drawing a line in the scoring box for each letter sound or nonsense word the student says correctly. Tap to highlight each incorrectly read letter. For more details on scoring see the NWF Scoring Procedures section.
- 7. After the student segments a set of five nonsense words or if the student skips a set of words, tap the arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen to continue to the next set of nonsense words.
- 8. To undo a response recorded as correct, trace a line from right to left under the improperly scored phonemes. To undo a phoneme scored as incorrect, tap the phoneme again to clear the red highlighting.
- 9. The screen flashes yellow during the last five seconds of the assessment. After 60 seconds have elapsed, the handheld will prompt you to say "Stop." Finish noting any responses the student gave before time ran out.
- 10. Tap **Done**. The Results screen appears. Use the Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results.
- 11. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

NWF Scoring Procedures

Discontinue. If the student does not pronounce any sounds correctly in the first five words, the handheld prompts you to discontinue the measure. To confirm, tap **Discontinue.**



Correct Letter Sounds. Underline the individual letters for letter sounds produced correctly; the mCLASS:DIBELS program will give one point for each. For example, if the stimulus word is "tob," and the student says /t/ /o/ /b/, the individual letters would be underlined and the student would receive a score of three.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"tob"	<u>t o b</u>	<u>3</u> /3
dos	"dos"	<u>d o s</u>	<u>3</u> /3

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er Ready , begin.		
z u m	n u	f
		_
k u n	r u	V
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	f o	d
		_
← c-Q-c-c-c-c	-0-0-0	-0 🔸

Correct Words. Draw a single underline beneath multiple letters for correct letter sounds blended together. The handheld will give credit for each letter–sound correspondence produced correctly. For example, if the stimulus word is *tob* and the student says, "tob," one underline would be used and it would be scored as three points.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"tob"	<u>t o b</u>	<u>3</u> /3
dos	"dos"	<u>d o s</u>	<u>3 /</u> 3

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• p	j u j
	s u g
←	

Insertions. Insertions are not scored as incorrect. For example, if the stimulus word is *sim* and the student says "stim," the letters *s*, *i*, and *m* would be underlined. Full credit would given for the word with no penalty for the insertion of /t/.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"stob"	<u>tob</u>	<u>3</u> /3
dos	"dots"	<u>d o s</u>	<u>3</u> /3

Partially Correct Words. If a word is partially correct, underline the corresponding letters for letter sounds produced correctly. If the corresponding letter sound is incorrect, tap the letter with the stylus. For example, if the word is *tob* and the student says "toab" (with a long *o*), the letters *t* and *b* would be underlined and the letter *o* would be tapped.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"toab" (long o)	t 🖸 b	<u>2</u> /3
dos	"dot"	<u>d o</u> 🛚	<u>2 /</u> 3



Skipped Row. If a student skips an entire row (five words), click the **Next** arrow at the bottom to see the next set of words.



Self-Corrections. If a student makes an error and corrects him or herself within three seconds, tap the letter again that corresponds with the self-corrected phoneme and underline it as correct.

Repeated Sounds. Give letter sounds said twice while sounding out a word credit only once. For example, if the stimulus word is *tob* and the student says /t/ /o/ /ob/, the letter o and the letters *ob* are underlined. The student receives only one point for the letter sound /o/ even though the correct sound was provided twice (a total of three for the entire word).

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"toob"	<u>t o b</u>	<u>3 /</u> 3
dos	"dosdos"	<u>d o s</u>	<u>3 /</u> 3



Three-Second Hesitation (Sound-by-Sound). If the student is providing individual letter sounds then hesitates for three seconds on a letter sound, score the letter sound incorrect by tapping the letter. Provide the correct letter sound, point to the next letter, and say, "What sound?" This prompt may be repeated. For example, if the stimulus word is *tob* and the student says /t/ then hesitates for three seconds, prompt by saying, "/o/." Point to *b* and say, "What sound?" Use the flashing response timer at the top of the screen to track three-second periods of time.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	PROMPT	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"t" (3 sec)	<i>IoI</i> (point to "b") <i>What sound?</i>	<u>t</u> 🛛 b	<u>1</u> /3
dos et	"d…o" (3 sec)	<i>lsl</i> (point to "e") <i>What sound?</i>	<u>do</u> set	<u>2</u> /5

Three-Second Hesitation (Word-by-Word). If the student is reading words and hesitates for three seconds, score the word incorrect by tapping each letter in the word. Provide the correct word, point to the next word and say, "What word?" This prompt can be repeated. For example, if the stimulus words are tob dos et and the student says "tob" and hesitates for three seconds, prompt by saying, "dos." Point to et and say, "What word?" Use the flashing response timer at the top of the screen to track three-second periods of time.

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WORDS	STUDENT SAYS	PROMPT	SCORING PROCEDURE
tob dos et	"tob" (3 sec)	"dos (point to "et") What word?"	<u>tob</u> dos et
tuf kej ik	"tuf" (3 sec)	"kej (point to "ik") What word?"	<u>tuf</u> Ke p ik

Sound Order (Sound-by-Sound). Score letter sounds produced in isolation but out of order as correct if the student points correctly. For example, if the stimulus word is *tob* and the student points to and says /b/ /o/ /t/, underline all letters for a score of three. The purpose of this rule is to give students credit as they are beginning to learn individual letter-sound correspondences.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"bot" (point correctly)	<u>t o b</u>	<u>3 /</u> 3
dos	"ods" (point correctly)	<u>d o s</u>	<u>3</u> /3

Sound Order (Word-by-Word). Blended letter sounds must be correct and in the correct place (beginning, middle, end) to receive credit. For example, if the stimulus word is *tob* and the student says "bot," only the o would be correct and in the correct place, for a score of one.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
tob	"bot"	t o b	<u>1</u> /3
ik	"ki"	i k	<u>0</u> /2

Articulation and Dialect. Students are not penalized for imperfect pronunciation due to dialect, articulation, or second language inferences. For example, a student may regularly substitute /th/ for /s/. If the stimulus word is *sim* and the student says "thim," the letter *s* would be underlined and credit for a correct letter–sound correspondence would be given. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the students' responses and any prior knowledge of their speech patterns.

WORD	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE	CORRECT LETTER SOUNDS
sim	"thim" (articulation error)	sim	<u>3</u> /3
rit	"wit" (articulation error)	rit	<u>3</u> /3

NWF Pronunciation Guide

Different regions of the country use different dialects of American English. These pronunciation examples may be modified or distinguished consistently with regional dialects and conventions. See the NWF Scoring Procedure section for clarification. The letters x and q are not used. The letters h, w, y, and r are used only in the initial position. The letters c and g are used only in the final position.

LETTER	SOUND	EXAMPLE
а	/a/	bat
е	/e/	bet
i	/i/	bit
0	/o/	top
u	/u/	hut
b	/b/	bat
С	/k/	tic
d	/d/	dad
f	/f/	fan
g	/g/	pig
h	/h/	hat
j	/j/	jet
k	/k/	can
I	/\/	lot
m	/m/	man
n	/n/	not
р	/p/	pan
r	/r/	ran
S	/s/	sat
t	/t/	top
V	/v/	van
W	/w/	wet
у	/y/	yak
Z	/z/	zipper

Oral Reading Fluency and Retell Fluency Target Age Range

			DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency DIBELS Retell Fluency											
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
Preschool		Ki	ndergarte	en	F	irst Grad	e	Se	cond Gra	de	Т	hird Grad	le	

DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency is intended for most students from the middle of first grade through the end of third grade. The benchmark goals are 40 in the spring of first grade, 90 in the spring of second grade, and 110 in the spring of third grade. Students may need intensive instructional support if they score below 10 in the spring of first grade, below 50 in the spring of second grade, and below 70 in the spring of third grade.

Description — Oral Reading Fluency

DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) is a standardized, individually administered test of accuracy and fluency with connected text. The ORF passages and procedures are based on the research and development of the Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) of reading by Stan Deno and colleagues at the University of Minnesota and use the procedures described in Shinn (1989). A version of CBM Reading also has been published as the Test of Reading Fluency (TORF) (Children's Educational Services, 1987). ORF is a standardized set of passages and administration procedures designed to identify students who may need additional instructional support and to monitor progress toward instructional goals.

The passages are calibrated for the reading level goal for each grade. Student performance is measured by having students read a passage aloud for one minute. The number of correct words per minute from the passage is the Oral Reading Fluency rate.

A series of studies confirmed the technical adequacy of CBM Reading procedures. Test-retest reliability for elementary students ranged from .92 to .97; alternate-form reliability of different reading passages drawn from the same level ranged from .89 to .94 (Tindal, Marston, & Deno, 1983). Criterion-related validity studied in eight separate studies in the 1980s reported coefficients ranging from .52 to .91 (Good & Jefferson, 1998).

Description — Retell Fluency

DIBELS Retell Fluency (RTF) is intended to provide a comprehension check of the ORF passages. For students in first through third grades, Oral Reading Fluency provides one of the best measures of reading competence, including comprehension.

The purpose of the RTF measure is to:

- 1. Prevent students from inadvertently learning or practicing a misrule that speed-reading without attending to meaning is desirable or the intent of the Oral Reading Fluency measure. With a prompted retell, students will be less likely to conclude that merely reading as fast as they can is the desired behavior. More importantly, assessors will be less likely to imply that reading quickly is the goal.
- 2. Identify students whose comprehension is not consistent with their fluency. Assessors are

frequently concerned about students who read fluently but do not comprehend. This pattern is infrequent but may apply to some students. This procedure may identify those students without increasing the amount of time spent assessing.

- 3. Provide an explicit link to the core components in the <u>National Reading Panel</u> (2000) report. The NRP report is clear about the core components of early reading, and DIBELS maps onto this explicitly because it has the same core components. Retell Fluency is included to provide a brief measure that corresponds directly to the comprehension core component.
- 4. Increase the face validity of the ORF. A primary concern assessors have about Oral Reading Fluency is the ability of the measure, as it appears on the surface, to obtain the information that is sought. Incorporation of an explicit comprehension check like RTF may help assessors feel increasingly comfortable administering Oral Reading Fluency.

Preliminary evidence indicates that the Retell Fluency measures correlate with measures of Oral Reading Fluency at about .59. It appears that students' retell scores are typically about 50% of their Oral Reading Fluency score. It is also unusual for students reading more than 40 words per minute to have a retell score 25% or less than their Oral Reading Fluency score. So, a general rule is that when a student's retell is about 50% of his or her Oral Reading Fluency score, then the Oral Reading Fluency score provides a good overall indication of reading proficiency, including comprehension. By contrast, the ORF score alone may not provide a good indication of overall reading Fluency. For example, a child reading 60 words correct in 1 minute would be expected to use about 30 words in the retell of the passage. If the retell is about 30, then the Oral Reading Fluency of 60 is providing a good indication of the child's reading skills. If the retell is 15 or less, then there may be a comprehension concern that is not represented by the fluency.

Materials

Student copy of passage Handheld with stylus

ORF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the ORF measure.
- 2. Choose the number of passages and whether to administer Retell Fluency (RTF), and tap **Proceed**.



- 3. Place the reading passage in front of the student.
- 4. After reading reminders, tap **Proceed**. Mr. Say prompts you to read these directions aloud:

Please read this (point) out loud. If you get stuck, I will tell you the word so you can keep reading. When I say "Stop," I may ask you to tell me about what you read, so do your best reading. (Tap **Begin**.)

Start here (point). Begin.

5. When the student reads the first word of the passage, begin the timer by tapping the word in green (if correct) or in red (if incorrect). If the student fails to say the first word after three seconds, tell the student the word, then tap the red button to indicate that the student did not read the first word correctly.



- 6. Only the first word of the passage appears in both red and green. With the remaining text, tap only the words students read incorrectly, and do nothing for words read correctly.
- 7. To undo a response recorded as incorrect, tap the word again.
- 8. When students are stuck, give them three seconds to read the word. If they fail to read the word within three seconds, say the word and tap it to indicate that the student did not read it correctly. Use the flashing response timer at the top of the screen to track three-second time intervals.

9. The Xs on your screen indicate line breaks in the student material. If the student skips a line of text, tap the X to cross out that line.



- 10. Tap the down arrow with your stylus or press the down key on the handheld's 5-way navigator to scroll through the passage.
- 11. The screen turns yellow after 55 seconds have elapsed. After 60 seconds, say "Stop."
- 12. Finish scoring any words the student read before time ran out. Then drag and place the bracket (]) after the last word the student read.
- 13. Tap **Done** to continue. If you are administering RTF, the handheld continues to the RTF administration screens; otherwise, it continues to the ORF Results screen.
- 14. Use the ORF Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results. When the student reads all three ORF passages:
 - The high and low scores are ignored; only the middle score is recorded. For example, if the student scores 27, 36, and 25, then 27 is the official score.
 - If the student reads fewer than 10 words correct on the first passage, the handheld records the score but does not prompt you to administer the last two passages. Also, you will not be prompted to administer RTF; however, the measure will be considered complete for the current assessment period.
- 15. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

ORF Scoring Procedures

Discontinue. If the student misreads all the words in the first row of the passage, discontinue the task as prompted by the handheld.



Abbreviations. Abbreviations should be read in context. For example, TV could be read as "teevee" or "television," but Mr. would be read as "mister."

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
May I watch TV?	"May I watch teevee?"	May I watch TV?
May I watch TV?	"May I watch television?"	May I watch TV?
My teacher is Mr. Smith.	"My teacher is Mister Smith."	My teacher is Mr. Smith.
My teacher is Mr. Smith.	"My teacher is 'm' 'r' Smith."	My teacher is <mark>Mr.</mark> Smith.

Articulation and Dialect. Students are not penalized for imperfect pronunciation due to dialect, articulation, or second language interference. For example, if the student consistently says /th/ for /s/, as in /r/ /e/ /th/ /t/ for rest, he or she should be given credit for a correct word. This is a professional judgment and should be based on the student's responses and any prior knowledge of his or her speech patterns.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
It is time for a rest.	"It is time for a retht." (articulation)	It is time for a rest.
We took the short cut.	"We took the shot cut." (dialect)	We took the short cut.

Hyphenated Words. Hyphenated words are automatically scored by the handheld as two words.

Insertions. Inserted words are ignored and not counted as errors. The student also does not get additional credit for inserted words. If the student frequently inserts extra words, note the pattern by using the Observation Checklist.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE		
It is time for a rest.	"It is time for a long rest."	It is time for a rest.		
I ate too much.	"I ate way too much."	I ate too much.		

Mispronunciations. A word is scored as correct if it is pronounced correctly in the context of the sentence. If the word is mispronounced in the context, it is scored as an error.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
It was a live fish.	"It was a liv fish" (i.e., with a short "i").	It was a <mark>live</mark> fish.
I ate too much.	"I eat too much."	I <mark>ate</mark> too much.

Numerals. Numerals must be read correctly in the context of the sentence.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
My father is 36.	"My father is thirty-six."	My father is 36.
My father is 36.	"My father is three six."	My father is <mark>36.</mark>
I am 6 years old.	"I am six years old."	I am 6 years old.

Omissions. Omitted words are scored as incorrect.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
It is time for a rest.	"It is time for rest."	It is time for <mark>a</mark> rest.
I ate too much.	"I ate much."	I ate <mark>too</mark> much.

Repeated Words. Words that are repeated are not scored as incorrect and are ignored in scoring.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
I have a goldfish.	"I have a I have a goldfish."	I have a goldfish.

Self-Corrections. Tap the word again if it is initially mispronounced but the student self-corrects within three seconds. Remember to record a note about the student's self-correcting behavior.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
It was a live fish.	"It was a liv live fish" (i.e., self-corrects to long "i" within three seconds).	It was a live fish.

Three-Second Hesitation. If a student hesitates on a word for three seconds, tell the student the word and tap the word to indicate that it was incorrect. If necessary, indicate to the student to continue with the next word.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE		
l have a goldfish.	"I have a (three seconds)"	I have a <mark>goldfish.</mark>		

Word Order. All words that are read correctly but in the wrong order are scored as incorrect.

PASSAGE	STUDENT SAYS	SCORING PROCEDURE
The ice cream man comes.	"The cream ice man comes."	The <mark>ice cream</mark> man comes.
I ate too much.	"I too ate much."	I <mark>ate too</mark> much.

Administration — Part 2: Retell Fluency

- 1. If RTF is selected in your settings and the student read 10 or more words correctly from the passage, the handheld prompts you to administer Retell Fluency.
- 2. Read through the reminders and tap **Proceed**. Mr. Say prompts you to read these instructions aloud: "Please tell me about what you just read. Try to tell me everything you can." (Tap **Begin**.)
- 3. Say "Begin," and tap **Start** to begin timing the student.
- 4. Tap the area once for each word the student enunciates that relates to the story. You may also drag your stylus from left to right across the space provided. The handheld will count one word for each vertical line you drag the stylus over. You can lift the stylus at any point and continue counting words by touching the screen and dragging from left to right again. The scoring space will turn green to indicate the number of words being added.





- 5. Count only words that illustrate the student's understanding of the passage. To subtract unrelated words from the score, drag your stylus from right to left. The scoring space turns red, indicating that points are being taken away.
- 6. The first time the student does not say anything for three seconds, tap **3 Sec. Pause** and say, "Try to tell me everything you can." This prompt may be used only once.
- 7. After the first prompt, if the student does not say anything or goes off track from the story's main ideas or details for five seconds, tap **5 Sec. Pause** and say "Stop." The handheld will prompt you to stop the Retell Fluency measure.
- 8. Otherwise, after 60 seconds have elapsed, say "Stop."
- 9. When you finish scoring the child's response, tap **Done**. The ORF+RTF Results screen opens. Use the Results screen to view the student's scores, provide any necessary notes, and review the complete probe results.
- 10. If the student is reading multiple ORF passages, tap **Next** to begin the next ORF probe.
- 11. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.
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Scoring Procedure — Part 2: Retell Fluency

Retell Fluency is scored while the student is responding.

Number of Words. Count only words that illustrate his or her understanding of the passage.

Contractions. Count contractions as one word. For example, if the student uses *She's* or *We'll*, count each as one word.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. It's downtown. There's a room.	10

Digressions. Stories or irrelevancies that are off track are not counted. Children may start telling something from their own experience that is vaguely related to the passage. Such stories are not counted.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. They have lots of books. My mom took me to the library. We got Dr. Seuss and Willy Wonka. They are my favorite books.	10

Exclamations. Exclamations are not counted. Only actual words are counted. If the student inserts other sounds, these sounds are not counted.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They uhh they are going to the uhhh library. It is uhhh downtown. uhh There's a room.	13

Recitations. If the student recites the ABCs, sings a song, or recites a poem, even if relevant to the retell, neither the recitation, song, nor poem is counted.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. The books have letters like A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.	10

Repetition of Retell. Repeating their retell is not counted, especially when students are prompted to "try to tell everything you can."

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. Lots of books (3 seconds) < Try to tell me everything you can.> They're going to the library. Books.	8

Repetitions. Minor repetitions, redundancies, irrelevancies, and inaccuracies are counted. The crucial judgment is whether the student is retelling the passage or deviating.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. The library is downtown. I like the library. They have books just for kids. I can read them myself.	24

Rote Repetition. Rote repetitions of words or phrases are not counted.

PASSAGE	<examiner>/STUDENT SAYS</examiner>	SCORE
I love going to the library downtown. There are so many books. There is a big room in the library that is just for kids. I can reach all the books by myself.	They're going to the library. They're going to the library. They're going to the library. (sing-song voice)	5

Word Use Fluency Target Age Range

			Word Use Fluency											
Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End	Beg	Mid	End
	Preschoo		Ki	ndergart	en	F	irst Grad	e	Se	cond Gra	de	Т	hird Grad	e

Word Use Fluency (WUF) is intended for most children from fall of kindergarten through third grade.

Description

This fluency measure does not have an ultimate goal because additional research is needed to establish its linkage to other Big Ideas in Beginning Reading (Phonological Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, and Accuracy and Fluency with connected text). Tentatively, students in the lowest 20 percent of a school district using local norms should be considered "at risk" for poor language and reading outcomes, and those between the 20th percentile and 40th percentile should be considered at "some risk."

Materials

Handheld with stylus

WUF Administration

- 1. Using the process outlined in the Assessment Road Map section of this guide, select a student and begin the WUF measure.
- 2. Read the WUF reminders and tap **Proceed**. Mr. Say prompts you to read these instructions aloud:

Listen to me use this word: "Green" (pause). "The grass is green." Here is another word: "Jump" (pause). "I like to jump rope." Your turn to use a word in a sentence (pause). "Rabbit."

INCORRECT OR NO RESPONSE	CORRECT RESPONSE
If the student does not respond within <u>three seconds</u> or responds incorrectly:	If the student uses the word correctly in a phrase:
Tap Incorrect and say: Listen to me use the word rabbit (pause). The rabbit is eating a carrot. Your turn: rabbit.	Tap Correct and say: <i>Very good.</i>

- 3. Then proceed with administration, saying, "OK. Here is your first word." (Tap Begin.)
- Give the student the first stimulus word and tap Start in the upper left corner to begin timing. If the student does not speak in the first five seconds, tap the X|5 SECS button and say the next word.

5. If the student does not use any of the first five words correctly in a phrase, expression, or sentence, you are prompted to discontinue the probe. Tap **Discontinue Assessment** to end the probe and record the score as zero. Tap **Keep Going** to continue administration.



6. Record the number of words the student uses in the phrase, expression, or sentence by tapping the area once for each word the student says. You may also drag your stylus from left to right across the space provided. The scoring area turns green, and the handheld counts one word for each vertical line your stylus crosses.





- 7. Only count words related to the stimulus word. To subtract unrelated words, drag your stylus from right to left. The scoring area turns red, and the handheld subtracts one point for each vertical line your stylus crosses.
- 8. Tap **Correct** to add the word count to the student's score when the student correctly incorporates the stimulus word in the phrase, expression, or sentence. Tap **X|5 SECS** when the student hesitates for five seconds or fails to correctly incorporate or reference the stimulus word.
- 9. After you score the student's response, read the next word as prompted by Mr. Say.
- 10. After 55 seconds elapse, the screen will flash yellow. After 60 seconds, say "Stop."
- 11. Finish scoring the child's final response and tap **Done**. The Results screen opens. Use the Results screen to view the student's score, provide any necessary notes, record the student's motivation, and review the complete probe results.
- 12. When you finish reviewing the Results screen, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

WUF Scoring Procedures

The score for any given response will be the number of words used in a response in which the stimulus word was used correctly. An utterance may be a phrase, expression, or sentence. Only words used in correct utterances count toward the final score. For each stimulus word, only the words in the final and/or most complete utterance are counted.

Number of Words. Record the number of words the child utters in response to a target word by dragging your stylus from left to right across the space provided. The program counts one word for each vertical line your stylus crosses. You can lift the stylus at any point and continue counting words by dragging from left to right again. Drag the stylus from right to left to take away points that were credited in error; try to be as accurate as possible.

- Count only actual words, not exclamations, such as *um*.
- Score contractions (e.g., *she's*, *we'll*) as one word.
- Do not count words in songs or recitations (e.g., the ABCs and 1, 2, 3, etc.) performed either individually or in a group.
- If a child repeats a word (e.g., beep, beep, beep, beep), count the word as a single-word utterance (if it is the only word stated by a child) or as one word in a multi-word utterance.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	I threw the stone in the water.	7	✓ CORRECT

Correct Utterance. After scoring the number of words in the utterance, indicate that it was a correct use of the target word by tapping the **Correct** button. Tap the **X|5 SECS** button to indicate incorrect usage. Correct utterances are scored liberally. If the utterance conveys the accurate meaning of the word and could be correct, score it as such. A response is considered correct when it meets the requirement for either correct use or correct definition.

- Correct Use: For an utterance to be considered correct in terms of use, the target word is used correctly in a phrase, expression, or sentence.
- Correct Definition: Correct definitions are accepted as a correct utterance. Correct definitions do not need to contain the target word to be accepted as correct.

Examples of Correct Usage

Correct Use. If the word is used in a phrase, expression, or sentence and conveys the meaning of the word, the response is **Correct**.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	I threw the stone in the water.	7	CORRECT
School	I like school because it's fun.	6	CORRECT

False Starts. False starts within a correct use are not counted. Score only the words in the final and most complete utterance, and tap **Correct** to continue.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
School	School. I like school. I like school because it's fun.	6	CORRECT

Repetitions. Repetitions of words or phrases within a correct use are not counted. Score only the words in the final and most complete utterance, and tap **Correct** to continue.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
School	School school I like I like I like school because it's fun.	6	✓ CORRECT

Fillers. Words used as fillers within a correct use are not counted. Score only the words in the final and most complete utterance, and tap **Correct** to continue.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
School	Schoolumwellyou knowumlumlike school because it'sumyou knowfun.	6	CORRECT

Homophones. Correct use of a homophone is scored as correct. Use of a word that sounds the same as the target word would be counted as a correct use. Score the total words, then tap the **Correct** button.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Board	l am bored.	3	CORRECT

Synonyms. Correct definitions and synonyms are scored as a correct use because they convey the meaning of the word. Score the total words, then tap the **Correct** button. If the student says a word that is not a correct use or definition of the target word, score the total words and mark the utterance as incorrect by tapping the red **X**|**5 SECS** button.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	Something that is round and hard	6	CORRECT
Red	Color	1	CORRECT
Red	Robin	1	X 5 SECS
Red	Red robin	2	CORRECT

Changing Tense, Number, or Parts of Speech. If the student changes the tense or number of the word and uses the word correctly in an utterance, score as **Correct**.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	Don't throw stones.	3	✓ CORRECT
Dress	Get dressed.	2	✓ CORRECT

Long Response or Multiple Utterances. Score only the total words in the first complete utterance in which the target word was used, and tap **Correct**. Redirect the student back to the task by providing the next word.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	I like to throw stones in the morning, and I especially like to throw stones when we go fishing. I went fishing with my dad this weekend, and we didn't catch anything at all. I was sad and my dad was too.	19	CORRECT

Examples of Incorrect Usage

Incorrect Response. The target word is used in the response, but the response does not make sense. The word is used incorrectly or the utterance does not convey the accurate meaning of the word. Score the total words and tap the red **X|5 SECS** button to indicate incorrect use.

EXAMINER SAYS	EXAMINER SAYS STUDENT SAYS		ТАР
Stone	I like to eat stones for lunch.	7	X 5 SECS
School	I school my jumps.	4	X 5 SECS

Repetition. Repeating the target word is not a correct use. Simply repeating the word does not convey or imply correct meaning or use of the word, and would be scored as an incorrect use.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
School	School	1	X 5 SECS

No Response. If the student doesn't respond within five seconds, record the score as zero, then tap the red **X|5 SECS** button.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	(Five seconds)	0	X 5 SECS

"I don't know." If the student says "I don't know," record the score as zero, then tap the red **X|5 SECS** button to proceed.

EXAMINER SAYS	STUDENT SAYS	WORD COUNT	ТАР
Stone	I don't know that one.	0	X SECS

Approved Accommodations

Some accommodations are approved when standard administration does not provide an accurate assessment of a student's beginning reading skills. These adjustments should not affect score interpretation.

Time-extended and untimed administration of measures are never valid for reporting purposes. Should you administer a measure in such a manner, record the results for your own purposes then invalidate the probe.

Approved Accommodations Tables

RETESTING AND TEST-TEACH-TEST	ISF	PSF	NWF	ORF	LNF	WUF
Retesting on different days with different probes under different conditions. Use the median of the three most recent assessments as the indicator of the child's skills.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Repeated assessment on different days with different probes in the context of explicit instruction on the target skills. The target skills are Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Accuracy and Fluency with text. The target skills should be explicitly taught, under no conditions should the specific items on a probe be explicitly taught. The median of the three most recent assessments should be used as the best indicator of the child's skills.	•	•	•	•	•	•

SETTING AND ASSESSOR	ISF	PSF	NWF	ORF	LNF	WUF
The child may be tested in an alternate setting. For example, a special room with minimal distractions, complete quiet, or enhanced or specialized lighting may be used.	•	٠	٠	٠	•	•
The child may be tested with a familiar person, interpreter, specialist, or other facilitator present. The familiar person or interpreter may assist in supporting the student and tester to obtain an accurate estimate of the student's skills.	•	•	•	•	•	•
The child may be tested by a tester with whom the child is comfortable and who is familiar with the child's language and communicative strategies. For example, the child's teacher, or an aide especially familiar to the child, or even the child's parent. In all cases the tester must receive appropriate training, observation, and supervision.	•	•	•	•	•	•
The child may be tested by a professional with relevant specialized training. For example, a child with severe articulation difficulty might be tested by a Speech-Language Pathologist. Appropriate training is essential.	•	•	•	•	•	•

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DIRECTIONS	ISF	PSF	NWF	ORF	LNF	WUF
The practice item may be repeated or one additional example may be provided.	•	•	•			•
If necessary, the child can be provided with a lead example in addition to the model Example. "The sounds in <i>sam</i> are /s/ /a/ /m/. Do it with me, /s/ /a/ /m/."	•	•	•			
The child's understanding of directions can be checked. For example, the child can be asked to repeat or summarize the directions.	•	•	•	•	•	•
The directions can be provided in a manner more accessible to the child. For example, directions can be provided in sign language for a child who would be more comfortable with sign than verbal directions. A child with limited English proficiency may be provided with the directions in their primary language. For example, to assess a child's early literacy skills in English, directions for the task may be provided in Spanish and stimulus items presented in English.	•	•	•	•	•	•

STUDENT RESPONSES	ISF	PSF	NWF	ORF	LNF	WUF
If necessary to facilitate student response, the student or tester may have a marker or ruler under a line of text or items in order to focus attention. This accommodation should only be used if necessary for the student to respond. In a standard administration, if the student skips a row, the row is not counted or penalized, and instructionally relevant information on the student's tracking skills is obtained.			•	•	•	
The student may respond using a preferred or strongest mode of communication. For example, the student may sign, use a word board, or computer to use a word or read a passage. The tester should make a professional judgment regarding the fluency of response. If the student's fluency is affected by the accommodation, then the standard scoring rules should not be applied.				•		•

STIMULUS MATERIALS	ISF	PSF	NWF	ORF	LNF	WUF
Large print or enlarged edition of stimulus materials may be used.	•		•	•	•	
Closed-circuit TV for enlargement of print and picture stimuli is appropriate if necessary to enhance performance for students with low vision.	•		٠	٠	•	
Colored overlays, filters, or lighting is appropriate if vision and performance are enhanced.	•		•	•	•	
If a student has sufficient skills with Braille, a Braille edition of stimulus materials may be used. A Braille edition of materials is in development. Scores for the Braille edition may not be directly comparable.			•	●	•	
An alternate font for stimulus materials may be used. For example, most print materials use a Times font as a frequently encountered font in reading materials in first and second grade. The target for any font is a font that would be used in reading materials in first grade.			•	•	•	
Stimulus materials may be printed in color for ease of identification and use.	•					
Alternate pictures of the target words may be used if pictures that are more familiar to the student are available. The target word should not be changed.	•					
If the words used in the Initial Sound Fluency are unfamiliar vocabulary for the student, the student can be asked to repeat the word associated with each picture. For example, "This is mouse. What is this? This is flowers. What is this? This is pillow. What is this? This is letters. What is this?"	•					
If the words used in the Initial Sound Fluency are unfamiliar vocabulary for the student, the vocabulary can be pre-taught prior to administration of the measure. The words selected for the ISF measure are drawn from written materials appropriate for first and second grade students, so students can be expected to encounter the words in their reading.	•					
Amplification or a direct sound system from tester to student are appropriate if it will facilitate hearing of directions or test stimuli.	•	•	•	٠	•	•

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Reports on the Handheld

Benchmark Report

The Benchmark Report is a concise view of all completed probes' scores and the student's status on each. Reports can be viewed by tapping **Report** on the Class list after any one probe is completed. From the Report, tap **Done** to return to the Class list.

PROBE	SCORE	STATUS
ISF	10 SOUNDS/MIN.	EMERG.
LNF	18 LETTERS/MIN.	SOME RISK
PSF	10 PHONEMES/MIN.	SOME RISK
NWE	0 SOUNDS/MIN.	HIGH RISK
WUF	26 WORDS/MIN.	N/A

Progress Monitoring Report

The Progress Monitoring Report shows a student's movement toward the goal for the critical DIBELS skill. View it by tapping **Report** on the Progress Monitoring Class list. From this report, tap **Graph** to view the student's scores plotted in reference to the goal, tap **History** to view the assessments the student has completed for the measure, or tap **Done** to return to the Class list.



Web Site Overview

The secure mCLASS: Home Web site provides password-protected access to Class and Student Summaries of assessments conducted on the handheld. These reports can be viewed over the Internet and printed as desired.

- The Benchmark Class Summary provides a convenient report of your students' reading skills based on their recent Benchmark assessment. This high-level snapshot is designed to help flag a student who may need additional instructional support.
- The Student Summary provides information on all the Benchmark assessments you have conducted for the selected student, plus information about the student's Progress Monitoring. This page gives you a graphical and numerical representation of the student's performance for an academic year.
- The Probe Details page allows the assessor to analyze a complete reproduction of any measure a particular student has completed.

Assessment results for your students only appear on the mCLASS Web site when you have:

- Used your handheld to conduct assessments and record the results
- Performed a synchronization with your handheld at a designated mCLASS Sync Station

Logging In to the mCLASS Web Site

To access the Web reports, log in to the secure mCLASS: Home Web site.

- 1. Locate any computer with an Internet connection. This does not have to be one of the designated Sync Stations in your school.
- 2. Open your Web browser and go to <u>https://www.mclasshome.com</u>.
- 3. At the Welcome page, type your assigned user name and password, then click **Enter**.

Welcome		€CLASS
Log in User Name Password	Helpful Hints - HotSync [™] and Save! Make sure to backup your data. If you don't have time to HotSync [™] , then save to your backup chip. - Charge it! Keep your handheld device charged to avoid losing	
Enter <u>Need help loqqinq in? Click</u> <u>here.</u>	any assessment data.	

If you have forgotten your password, click the **Need help logging in?** link. If you experience issues, contact your school's technology department or contact Wireless Generation's Customer Care at (800) 823-1969, and select option 3.

Accessing Assessment Results

After signing in, you will see the mCLASS: Home page.



To view the mCLASS:DIBELS assessment results for your classes, click **Enter** next to the DIBELS icon in the My Assessments section.

Benchmark Class Summary

Once the Benchmark portion of the assessment is complete, the Class Summary places each student into one of three Support Categories: Intensive, Strategic, or Benchmark. Scores are color coded by risk level. Students are categorized as high risk (red), some risk (yellow), and low risk (green) in each measure.

From this page you can:

- 1. Click a student's name in the far left column to go to his or her Student Summary report.
- 2. Click any individual result to go to the Probe Details for that result.

	Class Summary	y	DIBELS
	Class Summary (Beginning Ber	nchmark)	Printer Friendly
Select an Assessment Period to view.	Class: DA Class Beginning Benchmark Middle Be	nchmark End Benchmark Progress Monitoring	
	1st Grade : Beginning I	Benchmark	
Benchmark goals for each		LNF PSF I	NWF WUF
measure	NAME	Goal: 37 Goal: 35 Goa	Soal: 24 SCORE STATUS PCTILE SCORE STATUS PCTILE
	INTENSIVE		
	Star Comes, Destiny	15 (HIGH RISK) 17 0 DEFICIT 5	0 HIGH RISK 0 14 N/A 17
	Stein, Daniella	11 (HIGH RISK) 5 5 DEFICIT 11	9 (HIGH RISK) 29 31 N/A 47
	Svevo, Conway	9 (HIGH RISK) 0 0 DEFICIT 5	8 (HIGH RISK) 23 0 N/A 0
Risk Levels	Tolctoy, Charlie	HIGH RISK 11 9 DEFIOIT 29	15 SOME RISK 35 57 N/A 88
	Strategic	24 (1999) 22 13 (1999) 26	22 CONTRACT AL 40 NUA 77
	Summer Daketa	24 (HIGH RISK) 23 12 EMERGING 35	4 [SUME RISK] 41 49 N/A /b
	Sumner, DaKota	37 LOW RISK 29 7 DEFICIT 17	4 HIGH RISK 11 30 N/A 41
	Thibideaux, Cody	38 LOW RISK 35 13 EMERGING 41	4 (HIGH RISK) 11 13 N/A 11
Support Category	Irevor, Charles	49 LOW RISK 58 9 DEFIOIT 29	0 (HIGH RISK) 1/ 29 N/A 35
	BENCHMARK Rhett, Erasmus	81 LOW RISK 88 30 EMERGING 76	43 LOW RISK 88 41 N/A 58
	Rosco, Ella		96 LOWRISK 99 49 N/A 76
Click a Student Name	Roy, Eileen	51 LOW RISK 64 32 EMERGING 82	31 LOW RISK 58 25 N/A 23
to go to the Student	Rushdie, Edy	42 LOW RISK 47 19 EMERGING 64	35 LOW RISK 70 49 N/A 76
Summary.	Russell, Edith	96 LOW RISK 94 37 ESTABLISHED 88	44 LOW RISK 94 53 N/A 82
	Sandberg, Dot	43 LOW RISK 52 18 EMERGING 58	23 SOME RISK 47 40 N/A 52
	Shokolov, Dorothy	57 LOW RISK 70 49 ESTABLISHED 94	37 LOW RISK 76 74 N/A 99
	Sikes, Donny	40 LOW RISK 41 26 EMERGING 70	42 LOW RISK 82 63 N/A 94
	Singer, Donald	67 LOW RISK 82 16 EMERGING 52	32 LOWRISK 64 28 N/A 29
	Smith, Dionysius	63 LOW RISK 76 16 EMERGING 52	28 LOW RISK 52 10 N/A 5
Click any measu Probe Details pa	re's Score to open its ige.	Student's percentile value	

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Progress Monitoring Class Summary

Track your students' progress toward the current DIBELS goal, and easily identify students in need of additional support and students who are due for progress monitoring.

From this page you can:

- 1. Click a student's name to go to the Student Summary.
- 2. Click any individual result to go to the Probe Details for that result.
- 3. Click any of the Benchmark Class Summary tabs at the top to view those reports.



Student Summary

The Student Summary displays all the measures the selected student completed in an academic year. The Student Summary is the same for Benchmark and Progress Monitoring.

From this page you can:

- 1. Click the **Class Summary** link at the top to go back to the Class Summary.
- 2. Click any individual Score to open the Probe Details.



Guide to Student Summary

The Guide to Student Summary on the Student Summary provides helpful reminders about how to navigate the useful information provided by this report.

Guide to Student Summary	Pofer to the Graph Key to interpret
Graph Key	the Progress Toward Goal graph for
 Benchmark result Progress Monitoring result Off-the-chart result Benchmark result, when three or more consecutive results are below the Aim Line. Progress Monitoring result, when three or more consecutive results are below the Aim Line. Is Jonathan improving enough? 	completed measures.
goal is called the <i>aim</i> line. The aim line represents the progress Jonathan needs to make to reach the current DIBELS goal. Look for improvement that is consistently near or above this line.	Quickly and what the student's
How often should I monitor Jonath?	Support Category is and how often he
Middle Benchmark: Intensive Support	or she needs progress monitoring.
Monitoring recommended two to four times a month.	
How is Jonathan on the Big Ideas?	Compare the student's scores to these goals for mastering the Big Ideas.
Watch performance on the DIBELS goals to better understand your student's journey through the Big Ideas in Early Reading.	
Phonemic Awareness 25 on ISF by Kindergarten Mid 35 on PSF by Kindergarten End	
Alphabetic Principle 50 on NWF by 1st Grade Mid	
Fluency with Connected Text 40 on ORF by 1st Grade End 90 on ORF by 2nd Grade End 110 on ORF by 93 Grade End 118 on ORF by 4th Grade End 124 on ORF by 5th Grade End 125 on ORF by 6th Grade End	
Where can I go from here?	
Click a point on the graph to see the details of a probe.	

Probe Details

The Probe Details pages show all the items as they were recorded on the handheld. The following pages show examples of each measure. From this page you can:

- 1. Click the Class Summary link at the top to return to the Class Summary.
- 2. Click the Student Summary link to return to the Student Summary.
- 3. View the student's detailed responses for this measure.

ISF Details



LNF Details



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PSF Details



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NWF Details



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ORF Details



WUF Details



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