Early Literacy Implementation

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Universal Screening and Progress Monitoring

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Universal Screening Basics

- Window closes October 10, 2014

- Expectation is that all students are assessed in grades K-3
  - Students in programs, day facilities, and residential facilities need to be screened and monitored appropriately
  - These students need to be assigned to an existing elementary school in the district (not a facility or the ‘0000’ building) according to Department guidance on schools vs. programs from May, 2012

- Students in grades 4-6 in the same building as the K-3 students can be assessed, but are not required to be assessed
Districts not Using Iowa TIER/FAST for Universal Screening

- Approximately 30 districts in the state are using an approved assessment other than FAST.

- These districts will be required to report student level assessments and scores through a new application under the DE portal.

- The application will allow for hand entered or uploaded data.

- Superintendents in these districts will receive specific information soon.

- We anticipate the application will be open during the month of November.
Districts Using Iowa TIER/FAST for Universal Screening

- As of this morning, approximately 138,000 assessments have been administered!

- The system will allow screenings through October 10th
  - Internal coaches can allow an assessment to be opened up on a student-by-student basis after the window closes so that he/she can be assessed
  - Carefully interpret scores of students who are tested after the window closes (those just above benchmark may not have been if they were tested earlier in the window)

- Students who do not meet benchmark in Fall 2014 are considered to be at-risk
  - If those same students do not meet benchmark in Winter 2014 they will be considered to be substantially deficient

- Iowa TIER will soon show indicators for students who are at-risk and substantially deficient
Universal Screening Questions
Progress Monitoring Basics

- Students At Risk for Substantial Deficiency are required to have their progress monitored weekly
  - It is recommended that they are provided intervention, but not required

- Students who are substantial deficiency are required to be provided intervention and weekly progress monitoring

- Students above benchmark for two consecutive windows are not required to have interventions or progress monitoring
Progress Monitoring in Iowa TIER

- Interventions set up by building
- Will be “No Intervention” option used when at risk and no intervention
- Progress monitoring set up with defaults for on grade level
Progress Monitoring Questions