

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
