DIBELS Next Reading

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Benchmark Assessment

What is it?

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS Next). DIBELS is a series of assessments used for universal screenings and progress monitoring for grades K-5. All subtests are administered individually.

What is it used for?

DIBELS helps educators identify students who may need additional instruction in order to become proficient readers.

Assessment Dates

Students are assessed three times a year.

BOY- Aug. 28-Sep. 15, 2017
MOY- Jan. 11 - 24, 2018
EOY- May 1-23, 2018

Explanation of Scores

On the First Sound Fluency subtest (FSF) the student is told the word "duck" and has to say the first sound in duck /d/. The student has one minute to identify as many as possible. This skill is assessed at the beginning (BOY) and middle (MOY) of the year benchmarks in kindergarten.

For Letter Naming Fluency (LNF), the student is given a sheet with upper and lower case letters presented randomly. The student has one minute to identify as many letters as they can by name. This skill is assessed at all three (BOY, MOY, and EOY) benchmarks for kindergarten.

For Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF) the student is told the word "cat" and has to say the individual sounds for cat /c/ /a/ /t/. The student has one minute to identify as many sounds as they can. This skill is assessed at the middle (MOY) and end (EOY) benchmarks for kindergarten as well as the beginning (BOY) benchmark for first grade.

For Nonsense Word Fluency-Correct Letter Sounds (NWF-CLS) and Nonsense Word Fluency-Whole Words Read (NWF-WWR) the student is given a sheet with nonsense words such as the word was "mip". He/she needs to say /m/ /i/ /p/ or mip. The student is given one minute to read as many correct letter sounds/whole words read as they can. This skill is assessed at the middle (MOY) and end (EOY) benchmarks for kindergarten as well as all three (BOY, MOY, and EOY) benchmarks for first grade.

For DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency (DORF), the student is presented with 3 different reading passages and asked to correctly read as many words as possible in 1 minute. This skill is assessed at the middle (MOY) and end (EOY) of year benchmarks for first grade.

DIBELS m-Class Math

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What is it?

DIBELS m-Class Math is a series of assessments used for universal screenings and progress monitoring for grades K-5. All subtests are administered individually.

What is it used for?

DIBELS m-Class Math helps educators identify students who may need additional instruction in order to become proficient math users.

Assessment Dates

Students are assessed three times a year.

BOY- Aug. 28-Sep. 15, 2017
MOY- Jan. 11 - 24, 2018
EOY- May 1-23, 2018

Explanation of Scores

The subtests include - counting, number identification, missing number, and quantity discrimination.

For counting, the student is asked to count as high as he/she can in one minute.

For number identification, he/she is given a sheet with the numbers 1-100 that are presented in random order. He/she is asked to identify as many numbers as he/she can in one minute.

For missing number, he/she is given a sheet that had a series of numbers and he/she has to determine which number was missing in one minute.

For quantity discrimination, he/she is given a sheet of paper with two numbers in each box. He/she has to determine which number is greater. They have one minute to see how many they can answer in one minute.

For next number, he/she is orally given a number and asked to determine what number comes next. They are given one minute to see how many they can answer.

For addition facts, he/she is orally given a single digit addition problem and asked to determine the answer. They are given one minute to see how many problems they can answer.

Kindergarten (BOY, MOY, EOY) - counting, number identification, missing number, and quantity discrimination.

First Grade (BOY, MOY, EOY) - counting, number identification, missing number, and quantity discrimination, next number, and addition facts.