

The Facts about Alaska's Early Literacy Screening Assessments Requirement



Toward preparing students to be college, career, and culturally ready graduates

4 AAC 06.713 Early Literacy Screening Assessments

As a part of a comprehensive system of student assessments required under AS 14.07.020(b) and 4 AAC 06.710, each district shall administer an approved early literacy screening assessment tool at least once during each school year to

- (1) All students in kindergarten, first and second grades
- (2) Third grade students identified as experiencing delays in attaining early literacy skills during the second grade

Frequency of Literacy Screening Assessment Administration

- The screening assessment must have an administration format that permits testing at least three times per school year.
- The screening assessment must be administered to all kindergarten, first, and second graders *at least* once annually between April 1 and May 30.

Criteria for Qualifying Literacy Screening Assessments

A district may use only an early literacy screening tool that the department has approved.

The tool must:

- accurately identify students experiencing delays in attaining early literacy skills;
- be individually administered;
- have an administration format that permits testing not less than three times per school year.

Option A

The tool must:

- measure the early literacy sub-skills of letter sound fluency, phoneme segmentation fluency and oral reading fluency;
- be individually administered;
- yield data that includes the number of words read correctly in one minute;

Approved assessments for Option A: AIMSweb, easyCBM, DIBELS, STAR

Option B

The tool must:

- Measure the literacy sub-skills of phonological awareness, phonics, concepts of print, vocabulary, word structure, and writing;
- Permit data to be reported in Rasch units.

Approved assessments for Option B: NWEA MAP (RIT scores)

Reporting Literacy Screening Assessments Data to EED

- Districts will submit data to the department data once annually, no later than July 15, assessment data yielded by an administration of the literacy screening assessment tool conducted between April 1 and May 30 of that year.
- Data will be submitted on form prescribed by the department.

Option A Required Data:

- letter sound fluency and phoneme segmentation fluency data for kindergarten students;
- oral reading fluency data for first, second students;
- oral reading fluency data for tested third grade students.

Option B Required Data:

- Rasch unit scores for kindergarten, first, and second grade students
- Rasch unit scores for tested third grade students

District Obligation to Share Data with Parents

- Data will be shared with parents not less than once annually for all tested students.
- Data will be shared with parents not less than twice annually for students identified as experiencing delays

Funding for Literacy Screening Assessments

- Districts will be allocated \$7.74 per student based on the 2012 student count period enrollment for all kindergarten, first, and second grade students and fifty percent of enrolled third grade students.
- Grants were automatically issued to districts (no application necessary) by the EED grants administrator.



For more information please visit the EED website at <http://education.alaska.gov/>

Choose the purple Assessment Star, Early Literacy Screening tab.