

B DIBELS Benchmarks

Kindergarten: Three Assessment Periods per Year	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1-3		Middle of Year Months 4-6		End of Year Months 7-10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	ISF	0-3 4-7 8 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-9 10-24 25 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	Not Administered	
LNF	0-1 2-7 8 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-14 15-26 27 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-28 29-39 40 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	
PSF	Not Administered		0-6 7-17 18 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-9 10-34 35 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	
NWF (CLS)	Not Administered		0-4 5-12 13 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-14 15-24 25 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	

First Grade: Three Assessment Periods per Year	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1-3		Middle of Year Months 4-6		End of Year Months 7-10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
LNF	0-24 25-36 37 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	Not Administered		Not Administered		
PSF	0-9 10-34 35 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	0-9 10-34 35 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	0-9 10-34 35 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	
NWF (CLS)	0-12 13-23 24 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-29 30-49 50/15 words	Deficit Emerging Established	0-29 30-49 50/15 words	Deficit Emerging Established	
ORF	Not Administered		0-7 8-19 20 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0-19 20-39 40 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	

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Second Grade: Three Assessment Periods per Year	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1–3		Middle of Year Months 4–6		End of Year Months 7–10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	NWF(CLS)	0–29 30–49 50 and above	Deficit Emerging Established	Not Administered		Not Administered	
ORF	0–25 26–43 44 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–51 52–67 68 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–69 70–89 90 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	

Third Grade	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1–3		Middle of Year Months 4–6		End of Year Months 7–10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	ORF	0–52 53–76 77 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–66 67–91 92 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–79 80–109 110 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk

Fourth Grade	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1–3		Middle of Year Months 4–6		End of Year Months 7–10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	ORF	0–70 71–92 93 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–82 83–104 105 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–95 96–117 118 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk

Fifth Grade	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1–3		Middle of Year Months 4–6		End of Year Months 7–10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	ORF	0–80 81–103 104 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–93 94–114 115 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–102 103–123 124 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk

Sixth Grade	DIBELS Measure	Beginning of Year Months 1–3		Middle of Year Months 4–6		End of Year Months 7–10	
		Scores	Status	Scores	Status	Scores	Status
	ORF	0–82 83–108 109 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–98 99–119 120 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk	0–103 104–124 125 and above	At Risk Some Risk Low Risk

KEY:

ISF	Initial Sound Fluency
LNF	Letter Naming Fluency
PSF	Phonemic Segmentation Fluency
NWF	Nonsense Word Fluency
ORF	Oral Reading Fluency

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DIBELS Next – Benchmark Goals and Cut points for Risk

	Kindergarten			First			Second			Third			
	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	
Initial Sounds Fluency	0-4	0-19	HR										
	5-9	20-29	MR										
	10+	30+	AA										
Letter naming Fluency	0-1	0-14	0-24										
	2-7	15-27	37-46										
	8-16+	27-35+	47+										
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency		0-9	0-24	0-24									
		10-19	25-39	25-39									
		20+	40+	40+									
Nonsense Word Fluency - CLS		0-7	0-14	0 - 17	0 - 32	0-46							
		8-16	15-27	18-26	33-42	47-57							
		17+	28+	27+	43+	58+							
Oral Reading Fluency					0-15	0-31	0-36	0-54	0-64	0-54	0-67	0-79	
					16-22	32-46	37-51	55-71	65-86	55-69	68-85	80-99	
					23+	48+	52+	72+	87+	70+	86+	100+	
Retell							0-7	0-12	0-17	0-9	0-17	0-19	
							0-14	8-15	13-20	18-26	10-19	18-25	20-29
							15+	16+	21+	27+	20+	26+	30+
Daze										0-4	0-6	0-13	
										5-7	7-10	14-19	
										8+	11+	19+	

	Fourth Grade			Fifth Grade			Sixth		
	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring
Oral Reading Fluency	0-69	0-78	0-94	0-95	0-100	0-104	0-90	0-91	0-94
	70-89	79-102	95-114	96-110	101-119	105-129	90-106	92-108	95-119
	90+	103+	115+	111+	120+	130+	107+	109+	120+
Retell	0-13	0-19	0-23	0-21	0-24	0-24	0-15	0-17	0-23
	14-26	20-29	24-32	22-32	25-35	25-35	16-26	18-28	24-31
	27+	30+	33+	33+	36+	36+	27+	29+	32+
Daze	0-9	0-11	0-19	0-11	0-12	0-17	0-13	0-13	0-14
	10-14	12-16	20-23	12-17	13-19	18-23	14-17	14-18	15-20
	15+	17+	24+	18+	20+	24+	18+	19+	21+