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.

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Choose the purple Assessment Star, Early Literacy Screening tab.