Required K-3 Universal Reading Screening Windows 2023-24

Statewide Universal Reading Screening Window

The K-3 Universal Screening windows for the 2023-24 school year have been updated after extensive engagement and feedback from multiple stakeholder groups.

In selecting the 2023-24 administration window, the department determined one consistent, standardized testing window for each of the three required screenings (fall, winter, spring) to provide consistency for data reporting, comparisons across screeners, and student growth estimates. The intent of selecting the windows was to provide flexibility for differences in instructional calendars while accurately interpreting screening results.

Table 1: Statewide Screening Window Dates

Statewide Screening Window	Window Administration Dates	Due Date for Accurate Data Submission
Fall	August 1 – September 29	October 13
Winter	December 4 – February 2	February 16
Spring	April 10 – May 14	May 24

The department's overall statewide windows may have different start and end dates than the district's selected screener's testing windows for the availability of national norms. Districts MUST select a testing period that aligns with **both** the department's window **and** their selected screener's available national norms and ensures at least 12 weeks of instruction between screenings (Fall to Winter and Winter to Spring).

Retesting using a screener multiple times is discouraged. Retesting too soon may result in scores that are not truly indicative of student ability at the time of retesting. Should a retest be deemed appropriate for any student, all URS platforms utilized in Tennessee will save the student's most recent URS score for the purposes of reporting.

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Regardless of your district's choice of state board approved universal reading screener, districts must administer all K-3 universal reading screening measures within the 2023-24 windows:

- Districts must select a testing period that aligns with both the department's window and their selected screener's available national norms and ensures at least 12 weeks of instruction between screenings (Fall to Winter and Winter to Spring).

- Districts will be accountable for these requirements when submitting their data during the 2023-24 school year.

- Any data submitted outside of the overall statewide screening window will not be counted in

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compliant data submissions.

- The department suggests collecting reading screening data within a short, two-week window so that local data comparisons are fair.

District testing plans should include adequate make-up opportunities and procedures for all students. Students who arrive after the windows, or who are absent or unable to be tested during the windows, should be tested as quickly as possible after arrival, assuming national norms for a given window are still available and accurate.

Available Window Dates by Vendor with Accurate Norms

In rare circumstances, for new students who enroll outside of state approved windows and/or students who are unable to participate during the window and need a make-up screening assessment, the following dates outline when norms are available and accurate for each vendor. The dates below in Table 3 represent the published assessment windows for each screener where accurate national norms are available.

Table 3: Available Normative Windows for Each Screener

Screener	Fall	Winter	Spring
aimswebPlus	August 1 – November 30	December 1 – March 15	March 16 – July 31
Dibels	Within 60 calendar days of beginning of school year	November 30 – January 21	April 26 – May 14
EasyCBM	First six weeks of school year	Six-week period at mid-point of school year	Last six weeks of school year
FastBridge	August 1 – October 30	December 1 – March 1	April 1 – June 30
iReady	BOY – November 15	November 16 – March 1	March 2 – EOY
NWEA MAP	August 15 – November 30	December 1 – February 28	March 1 – June 15
Renaissance STAR	August 15 – November 30	December 1 – February 28	March 1 – June 15

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