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Becoming a DIBELS Next® Mentor

DIBELS Next® Mentors have a special partnership with the authors of DIBELS at Dynamic Measurement Group (DMG).



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Mentoring is the vital relationship between an experienced and a less experienced DIBELS Next user. Because of their advanced training and skills, Mentors can use DMG-created training materials to train others on administration and scoring, and on data interpretation. Mentors also have exclusive access to the resources on the DIBELS Mentor's Network.

Accurate and effective use of DIBELS is supported in schools with Mentors by formal training and the informal advice, guidance, and feedback that Mentors provide.

DMG Director of Mentoring Stephanie Stollar said, "We believe every school needs a Mentor to maximize and sustain their investment in DIBELS."

To become a Mentor, individuals attend a DIBELS Next Essential and a DIBELS Next Mentoring workshop. The training can be completed at a DMG Training Institute, through online training, or by hosting a Training Institute or the component workshops at a school, district, or agency. For more information on becoming a Mentor, visit <https://dibels.org/mentors.html>.

New Resources for Mentors

Free Monthly Webinars

*New Assessments on the Horizon
December 10, 2012*

Hear about upcoming tools such as PELI™, Math, and DIBELS for grades 7–9. Mentors will have the opportunity to train others on these products using DMG-created training materials.

*Winter Benchmark Resources
January 8, 2013*

Explore the resources available to Mentors to plan a successful winter benchmark and effectively use the data.

For more information on the webinar series, email info@dibels.org.

Data Interpretation Workshop

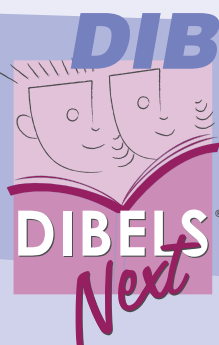
Mentors can now download the Data Interpretation Workshop materials to train and support educators in the effective use of DIBELS Next data. Topics of the workshop include prioritizing students who need support, using data within a RTI model, DIBELS Next Survey, and progress monitoring.

Refresher Workshop

The refresher workshop provides a quick review of the foundations of DIBELS and the standardized scoring procedures. Slides, videos and practice activities can be used to refresh the skills of a data collection team before each benchmark assessment.

Continuing Education for Mentors

Dynamic Measurement Group (DMG) will support Mentors to continually extend their knowledge and grow their skills. In 2013, opportunities will be provided for Mentors to receive training on new assessments and tools developed by DMG. ■



DIBELS Next News

► **New DIBELSnet® Parent Report.**

DIBELSnet recently released a Parent

Report that shows an

individual student's benchmark data, includes information regarding the skills assessed, and informs parents of their child's likely need for support in early literacy skills. To view a sample report, visit <https://dibels.net/features.php>.

► **Benchmark Goals Technical Report.**

DMG will soon release a new technical report that provides detailed information on the procedures used to develop the official DIBELS Next Benchmark Goals. The report will be posted at <https://dibels.org/pubs.html> in the DIBELS Next Technical Reports and Publications section.



FAQS



Read answers from the DIBELS authors to frequently asked questions about DIBELS Next administration and scoring

Success

A Success Story from a real school using DIBELS to drive instructional change and improve outcomes

Training



A look at upcoming 2013 DIBELS training and events provided by DMG

