# DIBELS® Math

DIBELS Math Data Interpretation Mentor Webinar

#### What is DIBELS® Math?

- A set of measures used to assess mathematics skills for students from kindergarten through sixth grade that can be used to:
  - Identify students who may be at risk for mathematics difficulties
  - Help teachers identify areas to target instructional support
  - Monitor progress of students
  - Examine the effectiveness of instructional support

### Foundations of DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Math

- Prevention focus–We CAN change outcomes for students
- DIBELS Math is one part of a system
- DIBELS Math is an indicator
- Teach mathematics concepts explicitly and thoroughly
- Monitor progress frequently and efficiently
- Use DIBELS Math within an Outcomes-Driven Model of decision making
- Outcomes drive instructional change

#### **DIBELS Math Measures**

#### Early Numeracy

Beginning Quantity Discrimination Number Identification Fluency

Next Number Fluency

Advanced Quantity Discrimination

Missing Number Fluency

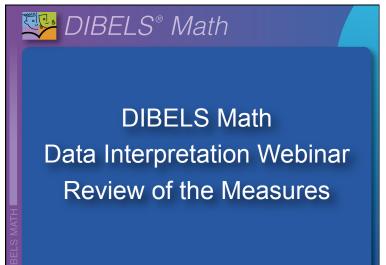
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**Concepts and Applications** 

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#### Features of DIBELS Math

- Linked to CCSS
- Standardized
- Timed
- Brief
- Problem types carefully constrained within and across probes
- Purposes universal screening and progress monitoring
- Benchmark goals



	Beginning Quantity Discrimination					
	Skill	Magnitude Comparison and Subitization (indirectly)				
l	Administration Time	1 minute				
l	Administration Schedule	Beginning of Kindergarten to end of Kindergarten				
	Score	1 point for each correctly identified number				
	Wait Rule	If the student does not respond within 3 seconds on an item, provide the correct answer and mark a slash (/) through the number				
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## Beginning Quantity Discrimination (BQD)



#### Format:

- Assessor shows page of dots to the student.
- The assessor then provides a set of standard directions that ask the student to say the number which represents the larger set of dots from two distinct sets of dots.

#### Score:

► Total of correctly identified numbers in 1 minute.

## Number Identification Fluency

Skill	Number Identification
Administration	
Time	1 minute
Administration Schedule	Beginning of kindergarten to beginning of first grade
Score	1 point for each correctly identified number
Wait Rule	If the student does not respond within 3 seconds on an item, provide the correct answer and mark a slash (/) through the number
Discontinue Rule	Zero points in the first five items (the first line)
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## Number Identification Fluency



#### Format:

- Assessor shows page with numbers to the student.
- The assessor then provides a set of standard directions that ask the student identify the printed number before him/her (digits 1–99)

#### Score:

▶ Total of correctly identified numbers in 1 minute.

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<b>37</b> (38)	<b>70</b> (71)	10 (11)	<b>40</b> (41)	<b>11</b> (12)	
<b>19</b> (20)	<b>31</b> (32)	<b>6</b> (7)	<b>65</b> (66)	<b>13</b> (14)	
<b>36</b> (37)	<b>12</b> (13)	<b>58</b> (59)	<b>18</b> (19)	<b>41</b> (42)	
7 (8)	<b>46</b> (47)	<b>20</b> (21)	1 (2)	<b>16</b> (17)	
<b>27</b> (28)	<b>9</b> (10)	<b>43</b> (44)	<b>14</b> (15)	<b>4</b> (5)	

#### Format:

Assessor says a series of numbers, one at a time, to the student and asks the student to say the number that comes next.

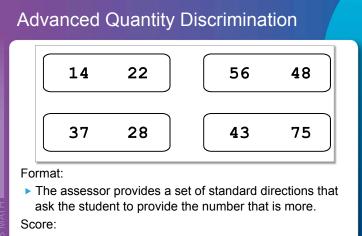
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#### Score:

Total of correctly named numbers in 1 minute.

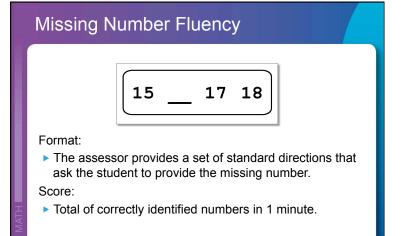
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Magnitude Comparison	
1 minute	
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1 point for each correct number	
If the student does not respond within 3 seconds on an item, provide the correct answer and mark a slash (/) through the number	
Zero points in the first six items (the first page)	
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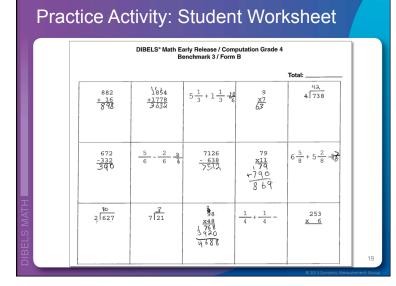
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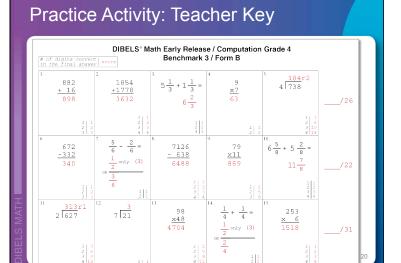
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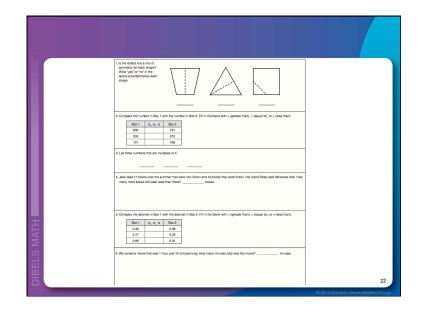
Skill	Basic Computation
Administration Time	2, 4, 5, 6 minutes per worksheet depending on grade
Administration Schedule Beginning of first grade to end of sixth grade	
Score	Correct digits in final answer
Wait Rule	No wait rule
Discontinue Rule	No discontinue rule
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# **Concepts and Applications**

	Skill	Understanding math concepts and vocabulary, and applying that knowledge to solving problems.
	Administration Time	8, 12 or 16 minutes per worksheet depending on grade
	Administration Schedule	Beginning of second grade to end of sixth grade
	Score	Correct digits in final answer or the exact answer
	Wait Rule	No wait rule
	Discontinue Rule	No discontinue rule
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# DIBELS Math DIBELS Math Data Interpretation Webinar Outcomes Driven Model Step 1&2

#### DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Math Benchmark Goals

#### What is a Benchmark Goal?

A research-based target score

- Represents the lowest level of performance on a measure that predicts reaching the next goal
- Consists of three parts: a basic early numeracy skill, a level of performance, and a point in time
- If a student achieves a benchmark goal, the odds are in favor of that student achieving later mathematics outcomes

How are the Benchmark Goals derived?

Based on longitudinal research examining how a score on a measure at a point in time predicts later reading outcomes

# Three Levels of Performance Compared to Benchmark Goals

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#### **Benchmark Goals**

DIBELS Math Benchmark Goals and Cut Points for Risk for Kindergarten Children

DIBELS Math Measure	DIBELS Math Score Level	Likely Need for Support	Beginning of Year	Middle of Year	End of Yea
DIBELS Math	At or Above Benchmark	Likely to Need Core Support	27+	48+	75+
Early Numeracy	Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Strategic Support	11 - 26	31 - 47	51 - 74
Composite Score	Well Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Intensive Support	0 - 10	0 - 30	0 - 50
Beginning	At or Above Benchmark	Likely to Need Core Support	5+	8+	11+
Quantity	Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Strategic Support	2 - 4	4 - 7	7 - 10
Discrimination (BQD)	Well Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Intensive Support	0 - 1	0 - 3	0 - 6
	At or Above Benchmark	Likely to Need Core Support	6+	13+	23+
Number Identification	Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Strategic Support	3 - 5	7 - 12	13 - 22
Fluency (NIF)	Well Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Intensive Support	0 - 2	0 - 6	0 - 12
	At or Above Benchmark	Likely to Need Core Support	5+	10+	12+
Next Number	Below Benchmark	Likely to Need Strategic Support	1 - 4	6 - 9	9 - 11
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#### **Composite Scores**

- Composite scores provide the best overall estimate of the student's skills.
- Composite scores take all of the measures into consideration
- Different weights are given to different measures depending on the time of year
- Composite scores may increase or decrease because of the number of measures that make up them (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> grade from fall to winter)

#### Benchmark Goals and Local Norms

- Benchmark Goals are available for the Early Numeracy and Computation grades 1-5.
- Schools should use local normative information, available through DIBELSnet, for Concepts and Applications and Computation grade 6 while the Benchmark Goals are developed.

#### Interpreting Results: Local Norms

Local norms look at a student's performance relative to your school/district

- 1/2 of the students will be at or below average and 1/2 of the students will be at or above average
- The average only applies to your school/district
- Demographics of your school/district must be taken into account when examining performance
- Other districts may be higher or lower

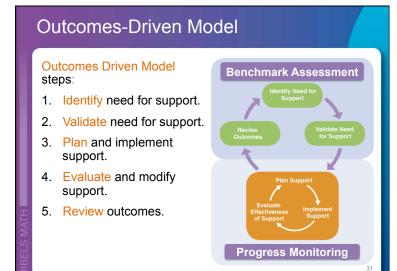
The magnitude of the discrepancy can be used to determine whether intervention is necessary, and to set instructional goals.

Use the following rule of thumb:

- < 20 %ile = at risk</p>
- 20 %ile–40%ile = some risk
- > 40 %ile = low risk

#### Use of DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Math Measures within an Outcomes Driven Model

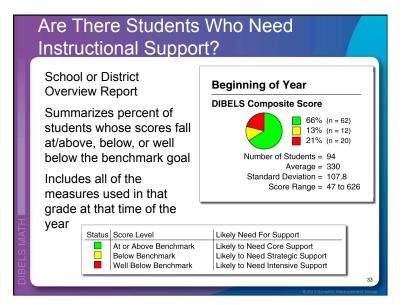
- Teachers have to use the data for instructional decision-making
- Can occur for both screening and progress monitoring
- A framework for using DIBELS Math data
  - System-level data-so all students reach outcomes
  - Student-level data-so each student reaches outcomes
- A series of steps, questions, and data sources to help answer the questions

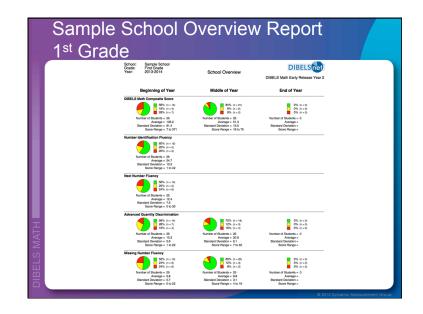


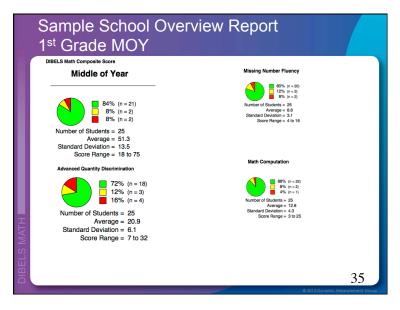
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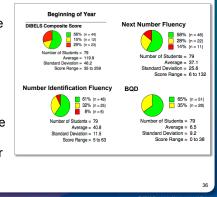




# Are There Students Who Need Instructional Support?

Is the next step to analyze and improve core mathematics instruction at Tier 1 or to plan Tier 2?

- Overall, the vast majority of students are on track
- On which skills will students need additional support in Tier 1?
- 12–28% of students are not on track, which is a reasonable number for which to plan Tier 2 supports



Sample Overvie	ew Report – Lo	ocal Norms
School: Sample School Grade: Second Grade Year: 2013-2014	School Overview	DIBELS Math Early Release Year 2
Beginning of Year	Middle of Year	End of Year
Math Computation 60% (n = 3) 20% (n = 1) Number of Students = 5	■ 55% (n = 11) ■ 15% (n = 3) 30% (n = 6) Number of Students = 20	0% (n = 0) 0% (n = 0) 0% (n = 0) Number of Students = 0
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Concepts and Applications Number of Students = 5 Average = 35 Standard Deviation = 21.9 Score Range = 1 to 64	Number of Students = 20 Average = 16.8 Standard Deviation = 10.9 Score Range = 0 to 47	Number of Students = 0 Average = Standard Deviation = Score Range =

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## ODM Step 2: Validate Need for Support System Level

Before moving forward to plan instruction, scan the system level data:

- Are we <u>reasonably confident</u> that the data were collected accurately?
- Did all assessors receive adequate training and practice?
- Did we conduct accuracy checks and/or shadow scoring?
- Are there inconsistencies in the pattern of data?

What data can you use?

- Assessment Accuracy Checklists
- Shadow Scoring Documentation

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# Step 1: Identify Need for Support Student Level

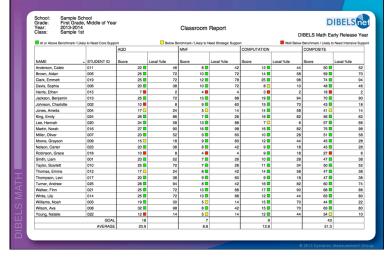
#### Which Students May Need Support?

The *Classroom or Instructional Group Report* provides information on individual students at a given assessment period. The Classroom Report includes all the students from one class.

The Classroom Report shows:

- The student's score on each measure and on the DIBELS Math composite.
- The likely need for support category (i.e., Needs Core, Strategic, or Intensive Support) for the student's score on each measure and on the composite.
- Percentile ranks for the student's score on each measure to show the student's performance in relation to all participating students in the district.

#### Sample Classroom Report: Middle of 1st



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Bading, Maria	MB2	90	40	11	30
Bevin, Bernardo	BB2	3	5	0	3
Bolstad, Leo	LB2	3	5	2	13
Eizenstat, Cooper	30004	12 🗖	65	1	8
Elrod, Asher	AE2	13 🗖	78	26	85
Featherson, Tommy	TF2	15 🗖	85	47	98
Hearst, Hadley	30005	16 🗖	93	26	85
Houck, Bert	BH2	12 🗖	65	18	58
Manese, Peyton	30003	5 📕	20	20	68
McKay, Marian	MM2	12 🗖	65	13	38
Moffat, Anita	AM2	10 🗖	50	17	50
Nicolini, Dan	DN2	12 🗖	65	17	50
Paciatori, Elsa	EP2	5 📕	20	23	73
Paige, Lincoln	30001	5 📕	20	11	30
Rayner, Will	WR2	15 🗖	85	24	78
Rodriguez, Annie	AR2	21 🗖	98	30	93
Ru, Carmen	CR2	5 📕	20	16	43
Snyder, Emily	ES2	10 🗖	50	7	20
Tretter, Michael	MT2	9 🗆	40	19	63
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# Validate Need for Support at the Student Level

What do you need to know?

- Are we <u>reasonably confident</u> the student needs instructional support?
  - \* Rule out easy reasons for unexpected performance: bad day, confused on directions or task, ill, shy, or error in assessment administration

What data can you use?

- Any additional available assessment data
- Repeat DIBELS Math assessments using progress monitoring booklets.
  - \* General guideline: At least 2 more times, not on the same day but within 1 week

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#### ODM Step 3. Plan Support

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# What is our Plan to Achieve System Goal?

Consider these variables when analyzing and improving core mathematics instruction:

- Protected block of time for instruction
- Research-based scope and sequence and instructional strategies are well trained and implemented with fidelity
- Majority of time spent in small, flexible, skill-based groups
- Resources come to classroom to support small groups
- All students receive core instruction-not removed from classroom for special education, speech, etc.
- Tier 2 supports are in addition to, not instead of Tier 1
- Screening data are used to inform instruction and groups; progress monitoring data informs changing groups
- Sufficient common planning time is available weekly

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# Step 3: Planning Support at the Student Level

What do you need to know?

- How will children be grouped for support?
- What specific skills will you teach?
- What curriculum and/or instructional program will you use?
- What materials/strategies will you use?

What data can you use?

- Classroom Report
- Individual test protocols
- Additional diagnostic data

#### What is Instructional Grouping and Why Do It?

- What do we mean by "instructional grouping?"
  - Students are grouped according to specific needs for support in a specific subject, e.g., math.
  - Students may also receive whole group instruction and be grouped heterogeneously for most of the school day.
  - \* Instructional groupings are dynamic and flexible.

#### How Will Students Be Grouped?

Based on similar instructional needs using:

- Scores on critical skills/measures
- Error analysis
- Additional assessment, (e.g., diagnostic assessment, placement tests)
- Knowledge and additional relevant information (e.g., behavioral needs, attendance)

#### **Grouping Worksheets**

Initial suggestions for instructional groups

- Teacher revises groupings based on other information about students' skill levels, resources, etc.
- Four groups formed initially based on:
- \* Performance on two key indicators
- \* Scores above versus below/well below benchmark
- Groups may be subdivided if too large

	Grouping V	Vorksheets		
ľ	Initial grouping	based on perfo	ormance on two	key indicators.
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	Kindergarten	BQD NIF (remember to look at NNF)	NIF NNF (remember to look at BQD)	NIF NNF (remember to look at BQD)
l	First Grade	NNF AQD (look at other measures)	AQD Computation (look at other measures)	MNF Computation (look at other measures)
MATH	Second Grade	Computation, Concepts and Applications	Computation, Concepts and Applications	Computation, Concepts and Applications
	Third Grade	Computation, Concepts and Applications	Computation, Concepts and Applications	Computation, Concepts and Applications

#### Four Initial Groups

	Below/well below benchmark	Group 3. Below/well below benchmark goal on one key indicator; above on the other (opposite of Group 2) Group 4. Below/well below benchmark goal on both key indicators	Group 1. Above benchmark goal on both key indicators	Group 2. Above benchmark goal on one key indicator; below/well below on the other
Below/well below benchmark goal on one key indicator; above on the other (opposite			Below/well below benchmark goal on one key indicator; above on the other (opposite	Below/well below benchmark

#### Example: Grouping Students for Instruction Middle of First Grade

Possible patterns at the middle of first grade:

- 1. At/Above Benchmark on AQD and At/Above Benchmark on Computation
- 2. At/Above Benchmark on AQD and Below or Well Below Benchmark on Computation
- 3. Below or Well Below Benchmark on AQD and At/ Above Benchmark on Computation
- 4. Below or Well Below Benchmark on AQD and Computation

#### Instructional Grouping: Summary

- One purpose of collecting DIBELS\* Math data is to inform instructional groups.
- DIBELS® Math benchmark scores can be used to form initial groups based on the mathematical skills that students have mastered and the ones they need to work on next.
- Once initial groups are formed, subgroups may be formed based on patterns of scores and performance.

#### Instructional Grouping: Summary

- A goal of small group instruction is to differentiate instruction within Tiers
- (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3).
- Matching instruction to student need is a critical practice in a Response to Intervention model of increasing student achievement.

## What Specific Skills?

For specific skill level use:

- Error analysis of DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Math performance
- Knowledge of child performance in class
- Curriculum-linked assessment, e.g., mastery measures, end of unit tests
- Diagnostic assessment as needed

The primary questions are:

- What can the student do?
- What has the student been taught?
- On what specific skills does the student need support?

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#### Potential Types of Errors - Computation

- Fact Error student consistently gets certain type
   of fact incorrect
- Sign Error student does not use appropriate sign when calculating answer (e.g. adds instead of subtracts)
- Placement Error student does not align work properly and causes error in final answer

(Howell, Zucker, Morehead, 1982)

#### Potential Types of Errors - Computation

- Wrong Steps student uses steps that are not correct
- Missing Steps student does not use the necessary steps to complete problem (e.g. does not renam3)
- Wrong Algorithm for Given Operation student uses steps which may work for a different operation

(Howell, Zucker, Morehead, 1982)

# Potential Types of Errors – Concepts and Applications

- Computation Error student sets up the problem correctly, but makes mistakes when computing the answer
- Decoding Error student incorrectly reads critical words in the problem
- Vocabulary Error student does not know the meaning of a key word in the problem
- Translation Error student does not set up the problem correctly (e.g. if the problem asks to the student to add and they subtract)

(Carnine & Stein, 1990)

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## ODM Step 4. Evaluate Support

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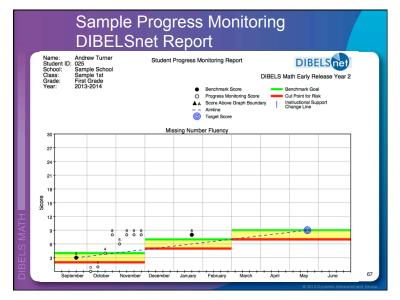
# How Do You Evaluate Effectiveness of Instruction for Individual Students?

<u>Use progress monitoring tools</u> that assess skills of primary instructional focus. DIBELS were designed specifically for progress monitoring.

<u>Monitoring student progress</u> towards the instructional objectives and goals is the most effective and efficient way to determine if the instructional plan is working.

## Why Is Progress Monitoring Important?

- Assessments that are sensitive to student growth over time allows for informed decision-making.
- When teachers use student progress monitoring data to inform instruction students' learning improves. Additionally students become more aware of their own performance. (Deno, 2003; Fuchs, Deno, & Mirkin, 1984; Good & Jefferson, 1998).



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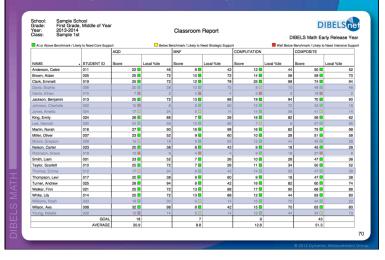
#### Selecting Students for Progress Monitoring

- Candidates for progress monitoring are those who scored below or well below the benchmark goal, and probably need a change to instruction.
- Progress monitoring will help evaluate the effectiveness of the change.
- However, progress monitoring can be a complex decision making process that can be difficult to do with lots and lots of students.
- When there are many students below the benchmark goal, work on improving core instruction and carefully select the students who will be monitored.
- If you collect progress monitoring data, then you need to review it for the feedback to be effective.

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#### Selecting Progress Monitoring Materials Guidelines

In general, progress monitor with materials that match the lowest math skill in the stepping stones sequence that the student has not yet mastered

Progress monitoring material needs to be sensitive to growth

- Not too difficult
- Not too easy

#### DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Math Survey

Consider conducting DIBELS Math survey when you don't have enough information to select progress monitoring materials.

#### Purpose(s)

- To identify a student's instructional level.
- To determine an appropriate level for progress monitoring.
- To set goals and make instructional decisions.

#### Survey Procedures

- 1. Start with benchmark scores
- If the Composite Score is well below benchmark (or in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> if students Computation score is well below benchmark or Concepts and Applications score is below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile), then test backwards
- 3. Test back sequentially until you find the measure on which the student scores at/above benchmark

#### Definitions

#### Mastery Level

 the highest level at which the student has demonstrated adequate skills for that grade level

#### Instructional Level

the lowest level at which the student has not mastered the skills necessary for adequate grade level performance.

#### Progress Monitoring Level

the optimum level for monitoring student progress. It should simultaneously illustrate: (a) the student's current level of skills, (b) an instructional goal that the student needs to attain, and (c) student progress toward the goal.

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#### Well-Written Goals When Monitoring with Grade Level Material

When monitoring with grade-level material, use the next benchmark goal for that measure.

Grade-level material includes any measure used for benchmark assessment in that grade

- K BQD, NIF, NNF
- 1<sup>st</sup> NIF, NNF, ADQ, MNF, Computation
- $2^{nd-}6^{th}$  Computation, Concepts & Applications

#### Well Written Goal Example

#### First Grade:

By the end of the year, Jason will score 13 correct digits on a 1<sup>st</sup> grade level Computation probe.

#### Kindergarten:

By the end of the year, Heather will score 23 correctly identified numbers on a Number Identification Fluency probe.

## Components of Well-Written Goals

#### Learner:

Name of student

Behavior:

What is it that you want the student to do (i.e., correct digits, etc.)?

Criterion:

How much of the behavior does the student have to do?

Conditions:

- Time frame typically determined by number of weeks until benchmark assessment or end-of-school year
- Measurement material (i.e., guided data collected via DIBELS Math Missing Number Fluency)

#### Well-Written Goals When Monitoring with Out-of-Grade Level Material

- There are multiple statistical approaches to out-ofgrade level goal setting. Determining goals through a variety of methods typically results in the same goal. Some methods are more time consuming and require complex mathematical calculations.
- The least time consuming way to end up with a reasonable goal is to use the end of the year goal and students need to reach it in half the amount of time.

#### Steps for Setting Out-of-Grade Progress Monitoring Goals

- 1. Determine students current level of performance (e.g., testing backwards using DIBELS Math materials).
- 2. Determine the goal based on the progress monitoring level and the end-of-year benchmark goal for that level (e.g., 13 correct digits in second-grade Computation).
- 3. Set the goal date so that the goal is achieved in half the time in which it would typically be achieved (e.g., move the end-of-year benchmark goal to be achieved by the middle-of-year benchmark time).
- 4. Draw an aimline connecting the current performance to the goal.

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### Progress Monitoring Step 3: Determine Frequency

#### PM frequency guidelines:

If monitoring in grade-level materials

If the student's scores fall into the <u>Below Benchmark</u> level, monitoring <u>once per month</u> is likely sufficient.

If scores fall into the <u>Well Below Benchmark</u> level, monitoring <u>twice per month</u> is ideal.

If monitoring a student in out-of-grade materials, monitoring once per week is ideal, though every other week may be sufficient.

Note: Progress monitoring is the assessment that evaluates instruction. Instruction and intervention should be provided that matches student need.

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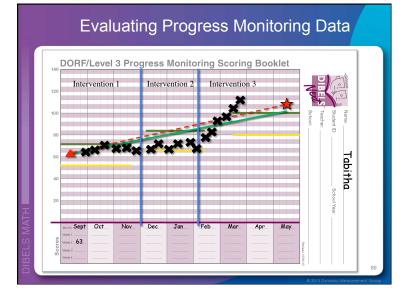
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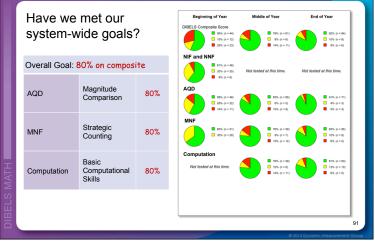
- Give the instruction/intervention enough time to work.
- Is the student's progress generally up?
- Is the student receiving research-based instruction?
- Is the instruction focused on the right skill?
- Is the instruction/intervention being implemented with fidelity?
- When 3 consecutive data points are below the aimline consider making a change to instruction.

#### Considerations in Evaluating Progress Monitoring Data

- Review progress relative to the goal, the aimline and the Pathways (when Pathways are available for DIBELS Math)
- If insufficient progress consider:
- increasing opportunities to respond (increase amount of time and/or frequency, decrease group size)
- \* changing focus of instruction
- getting more explicit
- When student reaches the goal, make a change
- fade support, move to next skill, move to next level of monitoring material



### Step 5: Review Outcomes: District Status Report



#### ODM Step 5: Review Outcomes Systems Level (EOY)

#### Systems Level

- Is the system of support generally effective to support most students to reach mathematics outcomes?
  - \* Determined by percent of students who meet benchmark goals or have made adequate progress toward benchmark goals
  - If a large proportion of students do not meet benchmark goals and/or do not make adequate progress, a change in system-level support may be necessary

#### Student Level

Have the students who were Below or Well Below Benchmark made progress toward the next benchmark goal?

#### Themes We Can Build Futures If We:

- ► SUPPORT students, teachers, schools.
- CARE about mathematics.
- START EARLY: Trajectories are difficult to change
- SET ambitious goals.
- ▶ TEACH the basic early numeracy/mathematics skills.
- MONITOR progress toward goals.
- DO SOMETHING if/when students are not on track.
- CELEBRATE successes!