

# DIBELS Next FAQ for Parents

## ***Who takes the DIBELS Next?***

Most students in kindergarten, first, second and third grades.

## ***What about students whose primary language of instruction is in Spanish?***

Students whose primary language of instruction is in Spanish are not required to participate in the DIBELS Next. These students are given either the Spanish version of the DIBELS Next or the Spanish version of the DRA2.

## ***How do Special Education Students participate?***

Students with disabilities whose IEPs provide them extended time on testing are not required to participate in the DIBELS Next. i-Ready Reading Diagnostic assessment is optional for K-5 Special Education students. It is a computer adaptive assessment and will provide the performance level of each student by domain.

## ***When is DIBELS Next Benchmark administered?***

DIBELS Next Benchmark is administered the first 15 days of school, January 11 – 29, 2016 and April 25 - May 13, 2016.

## ***How long does it take to test a student on DIBELS Next Benchmark?***

It takes about 30 minutes for a student to test on the DIBELS Next Benchmark.

## ***Which students are progress monitored?***

For students who are below benchmark on the DIBELS Next Benchmark, they are progress monitored every 4 weeks. This happens between the DIBELS Next Benchmark. For students who are well below benchmark on the DIBELS Next Benchmark, they are progress monitored every 2 weeks. This happens between the DIBELS Next Benchmark.

## ***How long does it take to progress monitor a student?***

It takes about 15 minutes to progress monitor a student.

## ***How are students administered this test?***

Computer devices are used by teachers to test students; BURST and DAZE are paper-based.

## ***Why are students progress monitored?***

All schools in our district are required to progress monitor any K - 3 student who is below or well below benchmark according to the DIBELS Next guidance.

## ***Is DIBELS Next part of the teacher evaluation system?***

Yes, the teacher rating that will be provided at the end of this school year will be based on 2014-2015 DIBELS Next.