



Dear Parent or Guardian,

A Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is an important foundation in providing students with instruction and interventions that increase students' success in school. One important component of MTSS is screening all students to identify school-wide instructional needs, inform the use of teacher-delivered classroom strategies, and identify students who may need additional support, either academically or behaviorally. The table below provides basic information about the screeners:

Screener	Grade	Purpose	Frequency
<i>Acadience Reading</i>	Young kindergarten through 4th grade	Acadience Reading is an individually-administered universal screening tool that helps teachers identify students who may be at risk for reading difficulties. The skills measured vary by grade level and include: • Phonemic awareness • Phonics • Fluency • Comprehension A more detailed description may be found at: bit.ly/gps-acadience	3x per year Aug/Sept December April/May
<i>Acadience Math</i>	Young kindergarten through 6th grade	Acadience Math is an individually-administered universal screening tool that helps teachers identify students who may be at risk for math difficulties. The skills measured vary by grade level and include: • Number Identification Fluency • Next Number Fluency • Missing Number Fluency • Beginning Quantity Discrimination • Advanced Quantity Discrimination • Computation • Concepts and Applications A more detailed description may be found at: bit.ly/gps-acadience-math	3x per year Aug/Sept December April/May
<i>Student Risk Screening Scale (SRSS)</i>	Young kindergarten through 12th grade	The SRSS is a universal screening tool that helps identify students who may be at risk for social-emotional or behavioral difficulties. Teachers assess various internalizing and externalizing behavior risk factors for each student in their classroom. Additional information about the SRSS may be found at: bit.ly/gps-srss-uses	3x per year October December April
<i>NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)</i>	Kindergarten through 8th grade	The NWEA MAP is a computer-based assessment that is designed to measure academic proficiency and growth in reading and math. Additional information about NWEA MAP may be found at: bit.ly/gps-nwea-map	3x per year September, January, May
<i>Pilot Measures DIBELS 8th Ed. Amira Learning Screener</i>	Young kindergarten through 4th grade in selected pilot sites	The Michigan Dyslexia Law requires that public schools use a reading universal screening tool from an approved list. Acadience Reading is not yet on that list. The district team has decided to pilot two universal screening tools that are currently on the list in order to be prepared if a change is needed. These tools assess skills similar to those assessed by Acadience Reading	December and May

The information provided by the screeners is kept confidential and will be used to guide support for needs at the building, classroom, and individual student level. We will contact the parents of students who are recommended to participate in an intervention. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

Mr. Brian Mulder
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