



WELLESLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EARLY LITERACY UNIVERSAL SCREENING

WPS Early Literacy Universal Screening Assessment

Early literacy universal screening is used to determine a student's risk for reading difficulty and to guide us in providing reading support. It is not a diagnosis or determination of a disability. Our school's early literacy universal screening assessment is [mCLASS/DIBELS 8th](#) which is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. mCLASS/DIBELS 8th is administered to each child by a teacher or staff member and takes about ten minutes to complete. Early Literacy Universal Screening is required in grades K-3 under MA regulation 603 CMR 28.03(1)(f).

Important Early Reading Skills

Early literacy universal screening assessments are used to assess skills that may predict future reading difficulties. These skills include alphabetic knowledge, phonemic awareness, word reading, reading comprehension and rapid automatized naming. Teachers will share more information with families about these early literacy skills at conferences.

Family Communication

Parents/Caregivers of students in K-3 will receive mCLASS reports that include their child's results within 30-days of each screening. If a student's scores reveal a need for significant academic support, then parents/caregivers will receive information about how the school will address their child's needs, and they will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. For questions about the early literacy universal screening and/or your child's results, please contact your child's teacher or your school's literacy specialist.

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