



In accordance with Maryland's Ready to Read Act (2019) and COMAR (2021), all Howard County Public School System kindergarten students will be screened to identify potential reading difficulties using the Amplify mClass with DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> Edition assessment.

Performance on the literacy skills assessed on the screener is an indicator of overall reading status and is not intended to be an in-depth or comprehensive measure of reading. Just like using a thermometer to take a temperature, which provides a quick indicator of general health, these quick assessments provide information about reading health on particular reading skills. A student's performance on the screener gives school staff additional information about whether a student is on track for grade-level reading success. School staff can identify students who may require additional support based on the screener composite score and classroom performance. The screener will be administered in the fall, winter, and spring. The results will be shared with families.

Using the Amplify mClass with DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> Edition assessment for Reading Difficulties, the following two to five subtests could be administered:

Measure	Skill(s)	Description
<b>LNF</b> Letter Name Fluency	Letter Names	The student is presented with a page of uppercase and lowercase letters and asked to name the letters within one minute.
<b>PSF</b> Phonemic Segmentation Fluency	Phonemic Awareness	The assessor says words, and the student says the individual sounds for each word within one minute.
<b>NWF</b> Nonsense Word Fluency	Letter Sounds Decoding	The student is presented with a list of nonsense words (e.g., sig, rav, ov) and asked to read the words within one minute.
<b>WRF</b> Word Reading Fluency	Word Reading	The student is presented with a page of words and asked to read as many words as possible within one minute.
<b>RAN</b> Rapid Automatized Naming	Phonological Processing Speed	The student will be presented with five random alternating numbers on a screen, in rows of 10. This is a timed measure where the student will name all of the numbers accurately and rapidly.