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### **DIBELS and Acadience Reading Guidance**

The lawsuit between University of Oregon and Dynamic Measurement Group (DMG) was recently settled. The settlement resulted in some changes that will impact all users of DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup> edition, DIBELS Next, and DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition moving forwards.

The following document provides information about both vendors and programs as of February 2019. If more information is provided in the coming months, some gaps in the information will be filled.

Per Arizona law, the Arizona Department of Education is prohibited from endorsing vendor products. This guidance document provides information on the two vendors, but it does not recommend one program over another. It is incumbent upon each school and district to use the information to determine its plan moving forward.

### **Changes to DIBELS and Acadience Reading**

DIBELS was developed at the University of Oregon by Dr. Roland Good and Dr. Ruth Kaminski. In 2018, a lawsuit between DMG and University of Oregon resulted in changes to the DIBELS brand of assessments.

Following the settlement, the DIBELS brand is now owned by the University of Oregon. The University of Oregon supports DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup> and DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> editions and further editions moving forward. The University of Oregon will support DIBELS Next through the 2019-2020 school year.

Following the settlement, DMG retained control of the DIBELS Next assessment and changed its name to Acadience Reading.

There will be a two-year transition period where University of Oregon will continue to support DIBELS Next. DMG will support DIBELS Next, under the name Acadience Reading, indefinitely.

Below is information provided to the Arizona Department of Education by DMG, University of Oregon, and Amplify.

## **Dynamic Measurement Group**

1. **Product:** Acadience Reading (Formerly DIBELS Next)
  - a. Acadience Reading is the new name for DIBELS Next.
  - b. The Acadience Reading assessment is the same as DIBELS Next; only the name has changed.
  - c. Acadience Reading assesses students from pre-K to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - d. Acadience Reading has a dyslexia screening option available.
2. **Benchmark Goals**
  - a. The benchmark goals for DIBELS Next will remain the same under Acadience Reading.
  - b. District, student and grade-level reports will remain consistent between DIBELS Next and Acadience Reading.
  - c. You can find more information on the benchmarks for Acadience Reading here: <https://acadiencelarning.org/papers/AcadienceReadingBenchmarkGoals.pdf>.
3. **Data**
  - a. Historical DIBELS Next data from previous years will continue to be available to users of Acadience Reading.
  - b. Acadience Reading (DIBELS Next) and DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup> edition data can be entered in the Acadience Data Management system (formerly DIBELSnet).
    - i. The Acadience Data Management system will also contain historical DIBELS Next data.
    - ii. Data that currently lives in a data system other than the Acadience Data Management system can be imported at no cost.
  - c. Acadience Reading (formerly DIBELS Next) data can continue to be entered in the DIBELS Data System, which is owned by the University of Oregon, through the 2019-2020 school year. However, after that school year, the University of Oregon's DIBELS Data System will only accept data from DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
4. **Delivery**
  - a. Paper/Pencil
    - i. Acadience Reading is available for free PDF download from Dynamic Measurement Group at <https://acadiencelarning.org>.
  - b. Mobile Administration
    - i. Amplify will continue to support mCLASS:DIBELS Next for current users (users who purchased it before June 30, 2019) through the 2020-2021 school year.
      1. After the 2020-2021 school year, Amplify will only support mCLASS DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, published by the University of Oregon.
    - ii. Information about the mobile delivery for Acadience Reading after the 2020-2021 school year is not available at this time. However, per DMG, the company is currently actively pursuing electronic delivery options for Acadience Reading.
5. **Professional Development**
  - a. Certified DIBELS Next trainers/coaches/mentors can continue to train for Acadience Reading.
  - b. Further information on available trainings can be found here: <https://acadiencelarning.org/training.html>.
6. **Cost**
  - a. Visit the DMG website for pricing options: <https://acadiencelarning.org/acadiencereading.html>
7. **Contact**
  - a. Email: [info@acadiencelarning.org](mailto:info@acadiencelarning.org)
  - b. Phone: 1-888-943-1240

## University of Oregon

1. **Products:** DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Edition
  - a. The University of Oregon owns and supports DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> editions.
    - i. The University of Oregon will continue to support DIBELS Next (Acadience Reading) through the 2019-2020 school year.
  - b. DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition assesses students from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - c. DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> is being validated as a dyslexia screener.
2. **Benchmark Goals**
  - a. The benchmark goals for DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition are different from DIBELS Next. DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition has new measures with new benchmarks.
  - b. Information on the benchmarks for DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition can be found here:  
<https://dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/dibels/dibels-eighth-edition#new>.
3. **Data**
  - a. DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup>, DIBELS Next, and DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition data are available through the DIBELS Data System.
    - i. Historical DIBELS Next data from previous years will continue to be available to users of DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
  - b. Acadience Reading (formerly DIBELS Next) data can continue to be entered in the DIBELS Data System, which is owned by the University of Oregon, through the 2019-2020 school year. However, after that school year, the DIBELS Data System will only accept data from DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
  - c. Data that currently lives in a data system other than the DIBELS Data System can be exported into the DIBELS Data System at no cost.
4. **Delivery**
  - a. Paper/Pencil
    - i. DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> Edition and 6<sup>th</sup> Edition are available for free PDF download from University of Oregon at: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/index/material/>.
  - b. Mobile Administration
    - i. DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition can be delivered through Amplify's mCLASS platform starting in 2019-2020.
    - ii. Amplify will continue to support mCLASS:DIBELS Next for current users (users who purchased it before June 30, 2019) through the 2020-2021 school year.
      1. After the 2020-2021 school year, Amplify will only support mCLASS DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> Edition.
5. **Professional Development**
  - a. University of Oregon currently offers training on DIBELS 6<sup>th</sup>, DIBELS Next, and is creating training materials and events for DIBELS 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
    - i. Further information for DIBELS 8 training will be posted here:  
<https://dibels.uoregon.edu/training>.
6. **Cost**
  - a. Visit the DIBELS 8 website for pricing options: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/help/pricing>.
7. **Contact**
  - a. Email: [Support@DIBELS.uoregon.edu](mailto:Support@DIBELS.uoregon.edu)
  - b. Phone: 1-888-497-4290