

## Goals for Session

- Increase skill with using Diagnostic measures
- Increase skill with understanding rate and accuracy issues
- Continue to build fluency with analyzing AIMSweb data



## Schools Often Use Only Six Steps

1. Establish an evidence-based core reading or language arts program appropriate to student and teacher population. Use DATA to determine if the core programs are effective.
2. Screen students and use DATA from screening assessment to identify those who may not be reading as well as expected for a grade level.
3. Group students with similar instructional needs based on the screening DATA.
4. Plan instruction based on DATA acquired during screening.
5. Teach students in small, homogenous groups. Use progress monitoring DATA to adjust instruction.
6. Progress monitor students and use DATA to adjust instruction accordingly.

## Seven Steps to Achieve the Best Results

1. Establish an evidence-based core reading or language arts program appropriate to student and teacher population. Use DATA to determine if the core programs are effective.
2. Screen students and use DATA from screening assessment to identify those who may not be reading as well as expected for a grade level.
3. Diagnose weaknesses and use diagnostic assessment DATA to pinpoint the specific weaknesses of students identified during screening who are not performing as expected.
4. Group students with similar instructional needs based on the screening and diagnostic DATA.
5. Plan instruction based on DATA acquired during screening and diagnosis.
6. Teach students in small, homogenous groups. Use progress monitoring DATA to adjust instruction.
7. Progress monitor students and use DATA to adjust instruction accordingly.

## Two Types of Diagnostic Assessments

- Formal
$\square$ Administered by experts
$\square$ Given to students with significant and unexplained reading weaknesses
$\square$ Most often are normed and provide percentiles for each skill measured
$\square$ Often used to place students for special services
$\square$ Examples are: Woodcock-Johnson, GORT
- Informal
$\square$ Do not have to be given by experts
$\square$ Provide information about strengths and weaknesses for specific skills
$\square$ Designed to be used to guide instruction
$\square$ Most often do not provide norms


## Decoding Is Essential for Reading Comprehension at All Ages

- Assess decoding abilities first.
-If students cannot decode well and easily, reading fluency and comprehension will be hindered even if the students have strong vocabularies and comprehension abilities.


## Beginning Decoding Skills

- Beginning decoding skills include the ability to read words with:
$\square$ short vowels
$\square$ digraphs
םblends.
- The Beginning Decoding Survey also includes high frequency words that do not have short vowels.


## Why Students in Higher Grades Have Decoding Problems



High school students tell us what they did when they didn't know a word.

- Problems often don't show up until higher grades because students guessed successfully in the early grades when words are easy to guess.
- Older students experience less and less success with guessing as text becomes more difficult.


# Appropriate Ages for the Beginning Decoding Survey 

- Beginning Decoding Surveys are appropriate from the middle of first grade on.
- For all students, ALWAYS start with a Beginning Decoding Survey
$\square$ Short vowels are a problem for many students of all ages who do not read proficiently.
$\square$ The Beginning Decoding Survey will identify almost all short vowel difficulties.


## What Do Your Students Do When They Don't Know How to Decode?

- Skip words
- Add words
- Misread vowels (bench for bunch)
- Guess based on context (mom for mother)
- Misread multi-syllabic words
- Misread or skip articles (in, of, the, to, etc.)

These errors will lead to comprehension mistakes not always, but sometimes.

## Digraphs and Blends

## Digraphs are two letters that spell one sound.

$\square$ Common consonant digraphs on the Surveys:

- sh-she
- ch-chap
- wh-whip
- th-then or thumb
- ck-back

Blends are two consonant letters together, each with its own sound.
$\square \mathrm{A}$ few blends on the Surveys are:

- st - must, stop
- tr-trap
- nd - band
- br-brat



## Error Types

Error types are listed at the top and bottom of the columns on the Error Grid.

No Try - Mark only when a student does not attempt to read a word.

Sight Word - Mark when a student misreads a sight word.
Sound Added or Omitted - Mark when a student attempts to read a word, but adds or omits a sound. This is a "guesser" column because students only add or omit sounds when they are guessing.

Initial Consonant - Mark when a student misreads or omits the initial consonant.
Final Consonant - Mark when a student misreads or omits the final consonant. This is a guesser column because students who are confused by the vowel often guess at the final consonant sounds.

Short Vowel - Mark when a student misreads a short vowel.
Consonant Digraph \& qu - Mark when a student misreads or omits a digraph or qu.

Blend - Mark when a student misreads or omits reading any part of a blend.


## What Do We Know about Donald?

- Strengths
$\square$ He reads beginning and ending consonants, blends, and digraphs well.
$\square$ He reads real words quite accurately. (Missed one vowel: read reach for rich.)
- Weaknesses
$\square$ Short vowels are his most basic difficulty.
$\square$ He guesses when he reads even very simple sentences.His lack of ability to read nonsense words tells us he does not understand basic letter-sound correspondences, especially with vowels.




## Secondary Reading System

- What steps should be taken to assess reading skills in older students?
-How do we use the Assessment triangle to help us know where to start?
-How can we be efficient with assess at risk students?
$\square$ How do we really find the root cause of our Secondary students reading difficulty?



## Secondary Reading System $\square$ Identify students at risk:

■State outcome assessment
$\square$ Program/district assessments
$\square$ Give students a Grade Level Fluency assessment

- Give students who did not score well a fluency assessment 2-3 grades below grade level
- Give students who didn't meet the target a diagnostic assessment



## New Research Findings!!!!

## Pay Attention to Accuracy Percentage as an Indicator of Reading Competency

A new study, presented at the 2008 DIBELS Summit, by Marcia Davidson and colleagues indicates that accuracy may be as important or more important then WCPM as a predictor of reading abilities.


## Calculating Accuracy Percentage

- To calculate Accuracy Percentage:
$\square$ Divide WCPM by total words attempted.
- Example:
$\square$ Susan attempts 100 words, makes 4 errors, and has a score of 96 WCPM.
$\square 96 \div 100=0.96$ or $96 \%$ accuracy percentage




## What Do Screening Data Tell Us？

－WCPM and accuracy scores below benchmark，screening data indicate that a student might not be reading well enough to have strong comprehension．
－Screening data answer the question：＂Is the student reading with appropriate rate and accuracy to indicate adequate comprehension？＂

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| Grade 5 －Winter 2009－2010 <br> Reading－Curriculum Based Measurement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ID | Name | Corrects | Errors | Accuracy | Performance Summary | Potential Instructional Action |
| 134612 | 1．．．．．．．．－．．．．． | 175.0 | 1.0 | 99．4\％ | Established | Continue Current Program |
| Target $=132.0$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Established $>=131.1$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 163619 | ミニニ－．．．．．．．． | 131.0 | 4.0 | 97．0\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 134625 | ．－．．．． | 122.0 | 4.0 | 96．8\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 134622 | ．．．－．，－－－－．．．． | 118.0 | 2.0 | 98．3\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 134623 | －．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 118.0 | 2.0 | 98．3\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 134621 | ．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{-}$ | 111.0 | 1.0 | 99．1\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 138504 | －．－． | 103.0 | 2.0 | 98．1\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 163620 | －n－：－2：－ | 83.0 | 0.0 | 100．0\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| 138505 | －．．．．．．．．．．． | 81.0 | 5.0 | 94．2\％ | Nearly Established | Continue Current Program and Differentiate Instruction |
| Nearly Established $\gg \mathbf{7 6 . 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 134618 | ．．－．． | 73.0 | 3.0 | 96．1\％ | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
| 138506 | －－－．．．－－－．．－－－ | 72.0 | 0.0 | 100．0\％ | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
| 138509 | －＊．．．－－－．．． | 71.0 | 5.0 | 93．4\％ | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
| 134624 | ．．－．．．．．－－． | 69.0 | 3.0 | 95．8\％ | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |


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|  | Grade 1 - Winter 2009-2010 Phoneme Segmentation Fluency |  |  |  |  |
|  | ID | Name | Corrects | Performance Summary | Potential Instructional Action |
|  | 221354 |  | 97.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  | 220062 |  | 57.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  | 221450, |  | 56.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  | 221440 |  | 56.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  | 222879 . | - | 54.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  | 224942 | ---...--*- | 53.0 | Established | Continue Current Program |
|  |  |  |  | Target $=49.0$ | - |
|  |  |  |  | tablished $>=47$ |  |
|  | 221442 | -.... . .. | 47.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | 213037 | - | 47.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | 221453 | $\Gamma^{-}$ | 46.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | 221439 |  | 44.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | 237379 | - . | 41.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | 221444 | - | 41.0 | Emerging | Further Assess and Consider More Intensive Instruction |
|  | Emerging >= 38.1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 224447 |  | 38.0 | Deficient | Begin Immediate Problem Solving |
|  | 221449 |  | 37.0 | Deficient | Begin Immediate Problem Solving |
|  | 222184 | $\underline{\square}$ | 35.0 | Deficient | Begin Immediate Problem Solving |
|  | 222262 | -........- | 31.0 | Deficient | Begin Immediate Problem Solving |
|  | 240665 |  | 28.0 | Deficient | Beain Immediate Problem Solvina |

## NWF Accuracy




## Local Norms and Criterion Reference

- There are ways to look at both Local Norms and Criterion Norms
- Norm reference -examine student performance compared to others in the community (local)
- Criterion Reference -examines student performance compared to others in the large norming group (national)




## Improvement Report

- Examines Rate of Improvement over course of year
- Examines local growth compared to national growth expectations
- Examines sub groups as well as General Ed




## Tier Transition Report

- This report tells you ...

םData on One subskill at a time
$\square$ What percent of students were Well Below, Below, Average, Above Average, Well Above Average
$\square$ Movement from one category to another from Fall to Winter, Winter to Spring





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## Thank you ....

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    Quote ...
    "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure"
    Colin Powell

