

**DIBELS 8th Edition Compared to Previous Editions:
 Administration and Scoring Rule Updates**

| <i>Assessment Characteristic</i> | <i>DIBELS 8th Edition Update</i> |
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| Subtests Administered | <p>DIBELS 8 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter Naming Fluency • Phonemic Segmentation Fluency • Nonsense Word Fluency • Word Reading Fluency • Oral Reading Fluency • Maze <p>DIBELS 8 does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Sound Fluency • First Sound Fluency • Word Use Fluency • Retell Fluency |
| Standardized Script | Wording is slightly different for all measures. |
| Standardized Examiner Prompts | <p>DIBELS 8 includes fewer acceptable prompts than previous versions. DIBELS 8 acceptable prompts are listed below.</p> <p>Letter Naming Fluency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student hesitates for three seconds: Slash the letter, say the letter name, point to the next letter, and say, “Keep going.” (<i>Repeat as needed</i>) • If the student says letter sounds instead of names: Say, “Remember to tell me the letter name, not its sound.” (<i>Use only once</i>) <p>Phonemic Segmentation Fluency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student hesitates for three seconds: Leave the word or remaining sounds in the word blank, and present the next word (<i>Repeat as needed</i>) <p>Nonsense Word Fluency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student hesitates for three seconds: Mark the sound/word as incorrect, point to the next sound/word, and say: “Keep going.” <i>Do not provide the sound/word. (Repeat as needed)</i> <p>Oral Reading Fluency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student hesitates for three seconds: Give the correct word and slash the word. (<i>Repeat as needed</i>) <p>Maze:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student starts reading the passage out loud, say “Please read the passage silently.” • If the student skips pages, say “Please be sure not to skip pages.” • If the student stops working, say “Please keep going until I tell you to stop. Just do your best work.” |

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| <p>Discontinue Benchmark Assessment Rules</p> | <p>In addition to subtest discontinuation rules, DIBELS 8 includes the option to not administer the remaining benchmark subtests at certain circumstances and time points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of kindergarten: If PSF is discontinued, do not administer NWF and WRF. • Middle of kindergarten: If NWF is discontinued, do not administer WRF. • Beginning of first grade: If WRF is discontinued, do not administer ORF. |
| <p>Nonsense Word Fluency Scoring</p> | <p>Some Nonsense Word Fluency scoring rules have changed with DIBELS 8, compared to earlier versions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct words: Underline, and give WRC credit, for words read sound-by-sound and then as whole words. <i>*Key difference between DIBELS Next and DIBELS 8.</i> • Sounds read out of order are slashed and counted as incorrect, <i>even if the student is pointing to the correct letter.</i> • R-controlled vowels count as one phoneme in DIBELS 8. However, an r-controlled vowel read as two separate phonemes that does not distort the r-controlled vowel sound is marked as correct. |