Universal Reading Screener Summer Testing Guidance for Rising Grades 1 - 3

Determining Rising Grades 1 - 3 URS Assessments for Summer Post-Test Administration

Summer programming requires a post-test to determine the performance of students as a result of instruction provided during the 2024 summer programming session. Students in rising grades 1 – 3 will participate in an additional administration of the Universal Reading Screener (URS) as the summer programming post-test.

Summer Post-Test Administration Guidance for Rising Grades 1 - 3 URS Assessments

While the administration of the rising grades 1 - 3 URS during summer is not part of the regular URS administration windows, it does follow the same administration guidance and data submission requirements. See [TN Universal Reading Screener Administration Guidelines for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 3](#).

LEAs must have a valid data sharing agreement in place with their State Board of Education-approved selected URS vendor. Additionally, LEAs must work with their selected vendor to ensure the submission of clean, accurate data at the end of the summer administration window. URS data cannot be processed without accurate state student IDs.

Administration of the rising grades 1 - 3 URS as a post-test for summer programming must occur within the administration window outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Summer Post-Test Window Dates

Statewide Window	Window Administration Dates	Due Date for Accurate Data Submission
Summer	June 10 – July 26	August 9

For the summer programming post-test for rising grades 1- 3, LEAs should administer the subtests necessary for calculating the **Spring** Composite score as indicated by the K-3 URS Minimum Matrix according to grade level and vendor. See Table 2 for grade level assessment administration guidance and Table 3 for required subtests for summer administration.

Table 2: Summer Grade-Level Assessment Crosswalk

2023 – 2024 Grade Level	Summer Programming Grade Level	K-3 URS Grade Level Assessment
Kindergarten	Rising 1st Grade	Kindergarten
1st Grade	Rising 2nd Grade	1st Grade
2nd Grade	Rising 3rd Grade	2nd Grade

Table 3: Required Summer Subtests by Vendor and URS Grade Level Assessment

Vendor	Rising Grade 1	Rising Grade 2	Rising Grade 3
aimswebPlus	• Letter Naming Fluency • Letter Word Sound Fluency	• Oral Reading Fluency	• Oral Reading Fluency • Vocabulary • Reading Comprehension
DIBELS, 8th Edition	• Letter Naming Fluency • Phonemic Segmentation • Nonsense Word Fluency • Word Reading Fluency	• Nonsense Word Fluency • Word Reading Fluency • Oral Reading Fluency	• Oral Reading Fluency • MAZE
easyCBM	• Letter Sounds • Phoneme Segmenting • Word Reading Fluency	• Letter Sounds • Word Reading Fluency • Passage Reading Fluency	• Passage Reading Fluency • Vocabulary • Proficient Reading
FastBridge	• earlyReading	• earlyReading • CBMreading	• aReading
iReady	• iReady Diagnostic	• iReady Diagnostic	• iReady Diagnostic
NWEA MAP	• MAP Growth Reading K – 2	• MAP Growth Reading K - 2	• MAP Growth Reading 2 - 5
Renaissance Star	• Star Early Literacy	• Star Early Literacy	• Star Reading

Retesting using a screener multiple times is discouraged. Retesting too soon may result in scores that are not truly indicative of student ability at the time of retesting. Should a retest be deemed appropriate for any student, all URS platforms utilized in Tennessee will save the student's most recent URS score for the purposes of reporting.

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