

We've heard from a number of schools looking for information comparing DIBELS 8th Edition to other literacy assessments as they consider their assessment choices. It's an important decision so we've put together the following information to help your process. We admit we're a bit biased but that's because we wholeheartedly believe that DIBELS 8th Edition is the best assessment product available. See for yourself –

Assessment Features	DIBELS® 8 th Edition	Acadience™ Reading	STAR Reading® Assessment	Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening™ (PALS)	Developmental Reading Assessment® (DRA)	MAP® Reading Fluency	AIMSweb®	Predictive Assessment of Reading™ (PAR)
Publisher	University of Oregon	DMG	Renaissance Learning	University of Virginia	Pearson	NWEA	Pearson	Red-e-SetGrow
Edition	8 th Edition	7 th Edition (DIBELS Next)	N/A	N/A	2 nd Edition +	N/A	Aimsweb Plus (2 nd Edition)	1 st
Year Published	2018	2010	N/A	1997	2003	N/A	2017	1986
PDF materials available for FREE Download	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Printed materials available for purchase	✓	✓	✗ (Online only)	✓	✓	✗ (Online only)	✓	✓
Not-for-profit Organization	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Individual vs. Whole-Class Administration	Individual	Individual	Whole-class online	Individual	Individual	Whole-class online	Individual	Individual
Grade Levels Included	K-8	K-6	K-12	PK - 3	K-8	K-3	K-8	PK-3
Data Analysis and Reporting Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Individualized Student Growth Setting Tools and Reports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	N/A
Mobile administration option	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓ Grades 2-8	✗

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Tips for Choosing the Right Assessment System for Your Needs

We understand there are many factors involved in choosing an assessment system that works for your schools and students. Whether you are thinking of using DIBELS 8th Edition or any other assessment measure, we encourage you to review the assessment carefully and demand that it meets the highest standards of technical adequacy, scientific evidence, and transparency. Be sure to check out sites like NCII and choose assessments with strong ratings in high-quality independent and peer reviews.

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We are proud to be part of one of the highest ranking Colleges of Education in the nation at the University of Oregon. Our mission is to conduct and disseminate research that focuses on practical solutions to problems in schools systems. Our research team has decades of combined expertise and experience in educational assessment. Please let us know how we can be of assistance to you.

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