

# New Reading Assessments for FLKRS!

## 2009-10 Assessment Overview



### Background

Currently, the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS), the statewide kindergarten screening used to assess the readiness of each child for kindergarten, includes a subset of the Early Childhood Observation System™ (ECHOS™) and the first two measures of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills™ (DIBELS™) for kindergarten (Letter Naming Fluency and Initial Sound Fluency).

Kindergarten Screening Measures & VPK Accountability							
VPK Instructional Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Kindergarten Screening Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Assessment Tools	ECHOS	ECHOS	ECHOS	ECHOS	ECHOS	TBD	TBD
	DIBELS	DIBELS	DIBELS	New Reading Measures	New Reading Measures	New Reading Measures	New Reading Measures
						New Math Measures	New Math Measures

### What are the New Reading Assessments?

The Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading include: Broad Screening, a Broad Diagnostic Inventory, and a Targeted Diagnostic Inventory (go to <http://www.brightbeginningsfl.org> for additional information and resources).

## What is changing?

In the 2009-10 school year, the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading will replace the DIBELS™ measures portion of the kindergarten screening. This Broad Screening includes measures of Letter Naming and Phonemic Awareness, which are included in the VPK Education Standards. These data are used to calculate a student's Probability of Success in Reading score. The ECHOS™ will continue to be used through the 2009-10 school year.

## How will this impact instruction in my program?

The key to good instruction is alignment with the VPK education standards. If each VPK teacher continues to address the standards in developmentally appropriate ways and maintains a focus on important skills, such as emergent literacy and language and vocabulary development, the new reading assessments will reflect positively on your VPK programs.



## How can I prepare for these changes?

One way to prepare for the changes in the assessment is to review your lesson plans and activities to make sure they align with the 2008 VPK Standards. For sample lesson plans, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/plans.asp>. Instructional strategies that are linked to specific standards are available on the Bright Beginnings website at <http://www.brightbeginningsfl.org>. Additional information can be found on the Just Read, Florida! website at <http://www.justreadflorida.com/instreading.asp>.



## What professional development information and activities are available?

There are many professional development opportunities available through the Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning website on the Professional Development and Teacher Resource page. Please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/resource.asp>.



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