

How do educators assess student literacy?

Throughout the school year, your child's teacher uses several types of assessments to deepen their understanding of students' strengths and areas for growth. Gathering data through assessments allows educators to identify students at risk for literacy difficulties and adjust their instruction to best fit the needs of each student in their classroom. This flowchart provides caregivers an overview of the different types of assessments that educators use. For more information on assessments, see our blog post "Reading Assessments and Their Purposes" by Emily Ball and Leah Zimmermann.

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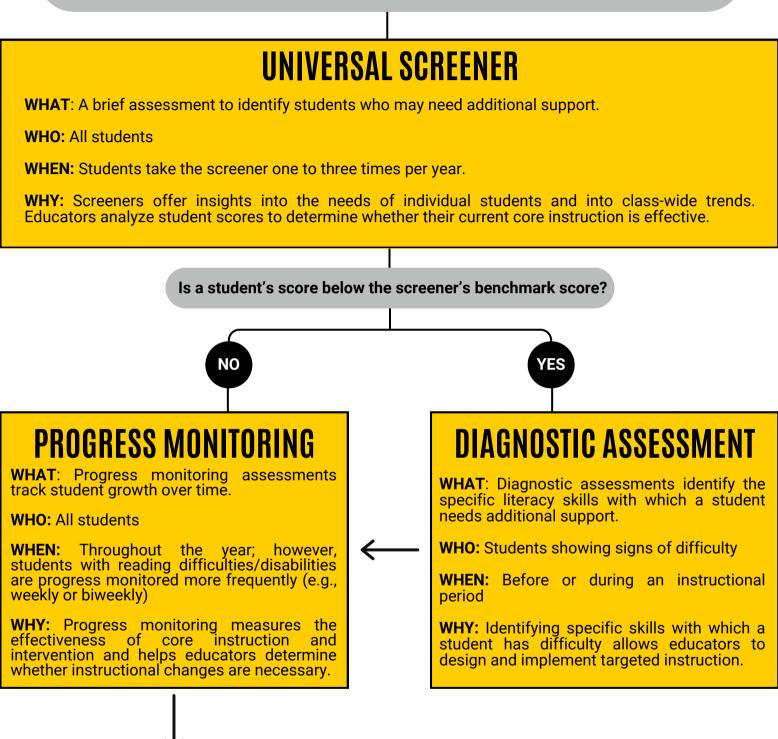
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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

WHAT: Summative assessments gauge the extent of students' learning and mastery of skills.

WHO: All students

WHEN: At the end of an instructional period (often the end of the school year)

WHY: Summative assessments allow educators to understand which skills students mastered and whether changes are necessary for future instructional periods.