







Grade 2 Literacy Assessments 2006-07

Welcome back to a new school year! Literacy assessments are required for all Grade 2 students twice a year. Schools participating in class size reduction at Grade 2 (**Columbine, Creekside, Emerald, Pioneer, Whittier, Sanchez, Lafayette and Uni Hill**) are required to conduct a mid-year assessment as well.

Changes have been made in the assessments that are required at Grade 2. Please take a few minutes to review these changes.

The following items have been included in your packet:

-  new benchmark books and recording sheets
-  **revised running record forms (all previous copies must be recycled)**
-  **new QRI forms and recording sheets (all previous copies must be recycled)**
-  **revised Benchmark schedule/QRI schedule**
-  Fluency Rubric
-  **Please note changes in comprehension charts**

REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

The following assessment is required twice a year **for all 2nd grade students**: Guided Reading Level (QRI or EDL will also be accepted). You will report this information to the district in September and May (schools who receive Read to Achieve funds will be required to assess in late April to meet state deadlines). Additionally, in May you will report each student's **phase of development** in **reading** and **writing** using the First Steps continuum; for ESL students, teachers will report the **phase of language development** as indicated by the Language Development Profile. ESL students are also required to take the **CELA**.

There is a revised schedule for the administration of a Guided Reading and QRI Level. Running record forms and QRI forms have also been revised. The fluency rubric on the running record is only used to guide instruction. Fluency is not used to determine a child's instructional reading level. **When a student reaches a Guided Reading Level L, administer the QRI.**

Benchmark books are secured texts and should not be used in guided reading, shared reading, independent reading, or read alouds. Benchmark books should be used no more than five times a year for formal assessment of a student's reading progress. The **QRI-IV** and the **Spanish EDL** should be used no more than three times a year.

In the fall, the performance target is Guided Reading Level I, or QRI Level 1, or **EDL Level 18**; the spring performance target is Guided Reading Level K, or QRI Level 1, or **EDL Level 24**. If you are giving the QRI, be sure to use the **QRI-IV**.

A school-based writing assessment is also required three times a year. Data is not required to be reported to the district. However, schools that use the Fireside rubric (district approved) **CAN** enter student scores into Data for Decisions to track student progress.

NEW ONLINE ILP FORM

An Individual Literacy Plan (ILP) is required by the Colorado Basic Literacy Act for all students who are at risk of not meeting Standard 1 for reading. Please note that you will now find the ILP form in Infinite Campus. The attached directions explain how to find and complete the form online. If you are unable to access the ILP form from Infinite Campus or the literacy page on the BVSD website, use the attached form to make copies. Teachers use a body of evidence (literacy assessments and daily work) to determine a student's need for an ILP. A printed copy of the signed ILP still needs to be sent to Planning and Assessment no later than November 30 and May 24.

LITERACY PROFILE

The Blue Literacy Profile serves as a mechanism for organizing student literacy information and materials, as well as providing other teachers with the opportunity to quickly glean information about a student's literacy progress. The Literacy Profile will contain the Student Body of Evidence including literacy assessment recording forms, writing sample, and the Individual Literacy Plan. The Literacy Profile lists the Essential Learning Results and Performance Indicators for Language Arts Standard 1 for each grade level as a reference for teachers.

LITERACY WEBSITE

Running Record forms, QRI Forms, and other pertinent literacy information can be found throughout the year on the BVSD website, www.bvsd.org

Note: The ILP form is now accessed on Infinite Campus.