

1. Can we apply for an assessment waiver for a specific grade level but not other grade levels?

Yes, a district can apply for a waiver for specific grade levels while continuing to use DIBELS for other grade levels (for example a waiver for Kindergarten but not 1st and 2nd grade). Please include the rationale when making this request.

2. Can a district apply for an assessment waiver for specific schools?

No, assessment waiver requests should be submitted for the entire district. Administering separate assessments across schools would reduce the ability to compare reading achievement across schools in a district.

3. Is a copy of the rubric that will be used to evaluate applications available?

Yes, please refer to the application for review guidelines.

4. When will a district be notified of whether the application has been approved?

LDOE will review applications on a rolling basis as they are submitted. A complete application will be processed in 2-3 weeks.

5. What information should be included in the rationale for selection of an assessment tool?

Please include why you selected the proposed assessment and why it is better suited to meet your schools' and students' needs.

6. How should we provide proof of reliability and validity?

Please attach copies of a technical manual supporting validity and reliability of the assessment. When available, please also include any reports of field studies conducted by an external source (not the vendor) aligning results with nationally recognized assessment tools.

7. How do we report assessment results to the LDOE?

Please use the prescribed file layout on the LDOE template that was released with the application.