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Getting to know mCLASS assessments

Welcome to mCLASS®, California families!

You may have heard that the California Department of Education recently released a list of approved instruments for the universal screening of reading difficulties of students in grades K–2.

Your child's school has selected mCLASS as the universal screening tool. This letter will provide details about the mCLASS screener and assessment system.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher for more information. Thank you!

Sincerely,
—The Amplify team

1. What are mCLASS DIBELS® 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura?

mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition and mCLASS Lectura are assessment systems that provide teachers with valuable information on how students in grades K–6 are progressing in developing critical reading skills. mCLASS is not used to diagnose students with specific reading difficulties, but it is a screening tool that educators can use to understand how to support each child's unique reading abilities.

There are two different mCLASS assessments:

- **mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition**
  Assesses students in English.

- **mCLASS Lectura**
  Assesses students in Spanish.

Dual language learners may be assessed using both tools, to give teachers a fuller understanding of their literacy skills.

2. What skills are measured by mCLASS?

- **Letter Names:** naming letters from print.

- **Phonological and phonemic awareness:** the awareness of and ability to work with sounds in spoken language.

- **Alphabetic principle and phonics:** matching the sounds of spoken words with individual letters or groups of letters.

- **Fluency:** reading text with proper speed, accuracy, and expression.

- **Comprehension:** reading text and understanding its meaning.

The specific measures administered will depend on a student's grade level.

3. Additional Resources for Caregivers

The mCLASS Home Connect website houses literacy resources for parents including at-home lessons organized by skill to support students learning to read at home.

Visit: **mclass.amplify.com/homeconnect/**