

Grades 4-8 Minimum URS Matrix

The Minimum Universal Reading Screener (URS) Matrix outlines the appropriate grade-level assessments required to be administered during the tri-annual URS window (grades 4-6) and minimally one time per year with a fall administration for grades 7-8. While universal screening in reading for grades 4-8 is not required by the Tennessee Literacy Success Act, LEAs must conduct universal reading screeners to identify students who are at risk for academic struggle and to identify students in need of instructional and intervention supports.

LEAs must administer the assessments required to produce a composite score. Additional assessments for Reading Fluency and Encoding (if not part of the vendor composite) are recommended for students who flag for risk. Reference the [URS Decision-making Crosswalks](#) for ILP-D criteria requirements.

LEAs are not required to utilize the screeners listed on this matrix in grades 4 – 8. Universal screeners must be a skills-based tool that produces a normed percentile composite score. Refer to the RTI² Manual for more information on universal screening in grades 4 – 8, located on the [RTI² Resources webpage](#).

Minimum URS Matrix

Grades 4 - 8

Reading Measure	aimswebPlus	i-Ready Suite	DIBELS, 8 th Edition	easyCBM	MAP Suite	Star Assessment Suite	FastBridge Suite/FAST
Reading Composite Score (F, W, S) Composite is calculated from the assessments listed in this row for each screener. Subtests address various literacy skills, including basic reading, fluency, and comprehension	Silent Reading Fluency* Reading Comprehension Vocabulary *If Silent Reading Fluency score is "invalid," Oral Reading Fluency must be administered. See below for ORF guidance.	i-Ready Inform Assessment	Oral Reading Fluency MAZE	Passage Reading Fluency Proficient Reading Vocabulary	MAP Growth	Star Reading Assessment	aReading Comprehension
Reading Fluency The ability to read words accurately, and with appropriate rate, phrasing, and expression.	Silent Reading Fluency (F, W, S) Oral Reading Fluency (F, W, S)**	Grades 4-6: i-Ready Literacy Task for Passage Reading Fluency Benchmark Assessment (F, W, S)* Grades 7-8*	Oral Reading Fluency (F, W, S)**	Passage Reading Fluency	Grades 4-5: MAP Reading Fluency: Adaptive Oral Reading: Passages Only (F, W, S)* Grades 6-8*	Grades 4-6: Star CBM: Passage Oral Reading Fluency (F, W, S) Grades 7-8: FastBridge CBMreading	CBMreading (F, W, S)

(F) Fall (W) Winter (S) Spring; ***These fluency measures are not normed through grade 8. For grades where a norm is not available, please administer the free [DIBELS 8th Edition Oral Reading Fluency benchmarks](#);** **Must be administered to produce ORF accuracy percentage.

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Encoding: The ability to map speech sounds to print and spell words. (F, W, S**)	Spelling (F, W, S)	Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.	Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.	Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.	Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.	4-6: Encoding (F, W, S) 7-8: Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.	4-6: Star Encoding (F, W, S) 7-8: Districts must administer the state-approved or a district-selected encoding measure.

(F) Fall (W) Winter (S) Spring; See Dyslexia Resource Guide for more guidance; *Users of Star Assessment and FastBridge may fulfill encoding requirements with either test suite. Contact rep for more information; See RTI² Manual for universal screening guidance for grades 4-8.