



Call for Early Literacy Screening and Diagnostic Assessment Submissions

In 2022, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) engaged in a comprehensive process to identify valid and reliable universal screeners for reading and reading diagnostic assessments as required by [KRS 158:305](#). A list of currently approved assessments is available on the KDE Early Literacy Screening Assessments [webpage](#). New submissions will be considered annually for inclusion on the KDE approved list.

The submission window for the 2023-24 academic year will be **Nov. 1 – 30, 2023**.

Review Process:

All submitters are required to complete a [submission form](#) developed by the KDE Division of Early Literacy. Please email submission forms to christie.biggerstaff@education.ky.gov.

Phase 1: Once the form is received, the Early Literacy Technical Review Team will check for its completeness. If the submission does not include all the information requested, it will not move forward in the review process this year, and the submitter will be notified.

Phase 2: All complete submissions will undergo a review by the Early Literacy Technical Review Team. **The review window will occur from December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024.** Submitters will be notified of initial results and comments. If the required technical evidence is found to be insufficient and the submission is rejected, submitters will be given an opportunity to provide additional evidence or clarification within two weeks of the rejection notification. This additional information will be reviewed by the team and a final decision will be made.

Phase 3: Information from the submission form will be used to provide descriptive information for districts to use in their selection process.

Phase 4: Approved universal screeners for reading and reading diagnostic assessments will be posted to the Early Literacy webpage by **February 19, 2024**.

Required Technical Criteria for Consideration

Submission of evidence-based universal screening and diagnostic assessments *must* provide evidence that meets the following criteria for technical adequacy for any composite scores, domain scores and/or subdomain scores that comprise the assessment:

- **Classification Accuracy** – The lower band of the confidence interval of the area under the curve (AUC) must meet or exceed .70 or sensitivity must meet or exceed .70 and specificity must meet or exceed .70.
- **Reliability** – Reliability measures (usually reported as internal consistency or Cronbach's alpha) must meet or exceed .70.
- **Validity** – Predictive validity must meet or exceed .60.
- **Representative Sample** – The normative group closely matches the characteristics of its population as a whole.