Using Pathways of Progress to
Set Goals and Evaluate Student Progress
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Acadience Learning Assessments

- **Acadience Reading K-6.** Screening & progress monitoring
- **Acadience Data Management**
- **Acadience Math K-6.** Screening & progress monitoring
- **Acadience Reading Pre-K: PELI**
- **Acadience Reading 7-9: CARI**
- **DIBELS Next Survey**
- **DIBELS Deep PA & WRD – Diagnostic Reading**
- **Acadience Reading Diagnostic CFOL**
- **Acadience RAN**
- **Acadience Spelling**
Session Objectives

(1) set goals that consider proficiency and growth,  
(2) evaluate student progress, and  
(3) change instruction if progress is insufficient.

Acadience Reading

Acadience Reading is a set of **standardized**, **formative indicators** of essential early literacy skills, designed for **universal screening** and **progress monitoring**, for the purpose of preventing reading failure and improving reading outcomes for all students.

Prevent Reading Failure

![Graph showing Word Per Minute growth by grade for Cohort 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5.](image)

Basic Early Literacy Skills Timeline

![Timeline showing development of early literacy skills.](image)


*Word Use Fluency—Revised (WUF-R) is available as an experimental measure from http://acadiencelearning.org.*
Outcomes-Driven Model

Outcomes Driven Model Steps:
• Identify need for support.
• Validate need for support.
• Plan and implement support.
• Evaluate and modify support.
• Review outcomes.

Acadience Reading Benchmark Goals

If a student achieves a Benchmark Goal, the odds are in favor of that student achieving later reading outcomes.

- **At/Above Benchmark**: Odds are generally 80% to 90%
  - **Above Benchmark**: Odds are generally 90% to 99%
  - **At Benchmark**: Odds are generally 70% to 85%
- **Below Benchmark**: Odds are generally 40% to 60%
- **Well Below Benchmark**: Odds are generally 10% to 20%

Three Tiers of Support

Continuum of generally effective services of varying intensity to provide support for 100% of students to reach benchmark goals.

Percentages are approximate and a general guide for systemwide goal setting. Boundaries are not absolute and may represent a difference in intensity rather than program.

One School’s Story

1. Performing in the lowest 5% of elementary schools in Oregon
2. 25% of our K-5 students were performing at/or above benchmark standards at the EOY 2017
3. Only 17% of our Kindergartners were performing at/or above benchmark standards at the EOY 2017
Baseline Year: 2016-17

**Context/Challenges**

Prevention
Lots of students at risk
Using Acadience screeners and progress monitoring is new to staff
Current knowledge and practices not aligned with reading science, skills measured on Acadience
Benchmark goals provide meaningful targets but are they ambitious and attainable for all?
Who is at risk for dyslexia?

Oregon Dyslexia SB1003

(1) Universal screening for risk factors of reading difficulties in K/1, including dyslexia
(2) Proactively provide early intervention for those at risk
(3) Ongoing assessment and progress monitoring to inform support/instruction between benchmark screenings
(4) Provide evidence-based, explicit, and systematic instruction across all tiers of support
(5) Trained and qualified staff provide appropriate instruction

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First 5 Success Factors

1. Group by skill deficit (not “yellow” or “red” groups)
2. Use diagnostic assessments
3. Implement a walk-to-intervention model
4. Monitor progress with an appropriate assessment
5. Flood the intervention block with extra instructors

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Year 1: 2017-18

BOY 2018-19
Questions Heading Into MOY

How do we know how much growth is adequate?

What level of rigor is required to remediate? Is current instruction intensified enough?

What evidence/data can be used to prove if our student achievement gap is closing?

Purpose of Pathways of Progress™

Pathways of progress is a tool for:
(a) creating an individual student learning goal that is ambitious, meaningful, and attainable
(b) establishing an individual student learning goal that represents reading proficiency, including reading for meaning, at an adequate rate, with a high degree of accuracy
(c) evaluating the progress the student is making
Pathways of Progress™ Descriptors

Clarifies what rate of progress is typical, above typical, well-above typical, as well as below typical or well-below typical.

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Third Grade Case Example: Tabitha Likely to Need Strategic Support

Tabitha’s Initial Skills in Third Grade, Beginning of Year

- 205 Reading Composite Score
- 65 ORF Words Correct
- 96% ORF Accuracy
- 14 ORF Retell
- 1 Retell Quality of Response
- 6 Maze Adjusted Score

We desire Tabitha to be a proficient reader who is reading for meaning at an adequate rate and with a high degree of accuracy. Establish an End of Year goal for Tabitha that is
- meaningful
- attainable
- ambitious

Evaluate Tabitha’s progress.

Progress Monitoring

ORF/Level 3 Scoring Booklet

Tabitha ORF Words Correct Pathways and Goal

Student Pathways of Progress Graphs

Name: Tabitha A.
Student ID: 2016-0001
School: Mockingbird Elementary School
Class: Mock Grade 3a
Grade: Third Grade
Year: 2016-2017

ORF Words Correct

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For Alistair, we may check on progress in grade-level material for the benchmark assessment, and use out-of-level assessment for frequent progress monitoring.

For Alistair, the benchmark goal may not be attainable by the end of the year. Even moving from Well Below Benchmark to Below Benchmark may require more than one year.

Sebastian with a beginning-of-year composite score of 295 offers a different challenge. The end-of-year benchmark goal may not be ambitious enough.

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Tabitha’s End of Year Goal:
By the end of the year, Tabitha will read aloud a third-grade Acadience Reading ORF passage at a rate of 106 or more words correct per minute with at least 98% accuracy, and be able to talk about what she has read with a Retell score of at least 35 words. She will read a third-grade Maze passage silently for meaning and earn a score of at least 20.
Student Progress Monitoring Graphs

Student ID: 2017-3001
School: Bright Spring
Class: demo path 3
Grade: Third Grade
Year: 2017-2018

Benchmark Score
Benchmark Goal
Progress Monitoring Score
Cut Point for Risk
Score Above Graph Boundary
Instructional Support
Change Line
Pathways of Progress
Individual Goal

ORF Words Correct Level 3
Score 20

Notes
#1: Implement repeated reading strategy from Reading Rockets, extra practice with peer.

Pathways of Progress™ Report – Available at Middle and End of Year
Evaluating Progress: Student Level

Considerations for Decision Making:

- Give the instruction/intervention enough time to work.
- Is the student receiving research-based instruction?
- Is the instruction focused on the right skill?
- Is the instruction/intervention being implemented with fidelity?
- Is the student’s progress generally up?
- Is the student tracking in the Pathway to reach the goal you set?

When 3 consecutive data points are below the aimline or Pathway, stop and think.

Pathways of Progress at Oliver

BOY: universal screener, diagnostic data, how to progress monitor and align instruction/interventions

MOY: teachers’ introduction to Pathways
- evaluate individual student progress
- change instruction if progress was not sufficient (intervention & Tier 1)

K/1 Dyslexia SB1003 compliance
- Analyze student growth
- Measure effectiveness of instruction
- Reliable data for decision making
What to Change If It’s Not Working

- Review progress relative to the goal, the aimline and the Pathways
- If progress is insufficient consider:
  - increasing opportunities to respond
    - increase amount of time,
    - increase frequency,
    - decrease group size
  - changing focus of instruction
  - getting more explicit

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Second 5 Success Factors

6. Use intervention time wisely
7. Be aware of what makes intervention effective
8. Provide teachers with intervention lesson materials
9. Invest in professional development
10. Inspect what you expect

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### Oliver's MOY Pathways Data

**Multi-Year Pathways of Progress Overview**

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**Middle of Year Pathways**

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**Oliver's Shifting Foundation**

**Multi-Year Percent at Benchmark**

- **Reading Composite Score**
  - 2017-2018: 39%
  - 2018-2019: 36%

**School:** Oliver Elementary
**Grade:** Kindergarten
Next Steps...

- Continue to use the ODM, universal screening, 95 Percent Group skill-based diagnostics/aligned intervention materials, Acadience progress monitoring, reports and Pathways
- Expand use of Pathways to analyze tiers of instruction at EOY 2019 using the Summative Growth Report
- BOY 2019 train teachers to set ambitious student goals using Pathways goal setting utility at BOY

Conclusions

Teach proactively rather than reactively
Set ambitious goals
Monitor progress and change instruction
Make sure all students are growing at a rate that is at least typical
Evaluate MTSS effectiveness → quantifiable and sustainable systems

Acadience Reading Resources

Resources on the DMG website
https://acadiencelearning.org/
Contact DMG customer service at
info@acadiencelearning.org
Training on Pathways of Progress
https://acadiencelearning.org/super2019/
95 Percent Group Intervention Materials
https://95percentgroup.com
Joint Workshops – Bridging the Gap