

Appendix 6: **DIBELS Composite Score**

The *DIBELS* Composite Score is a combination of multiple *DIBELS* scores and provides the best overall estimate of the student's early literacy skills and/or reading proficiency. Most data-management services will calculate the *DIBELS* Composite Score for you. To calculate the *DIBELS* Composite Score yourself, see the *DIBELS Next* Composite Score Worksheets on the following pages. In *DIBELS 6th Edition*, the Instructional Recommendations provided the best overall estimate of a student's early literacy skills and/or reading proficiency. The *DIBELS Next* Composite Score and the benchmark goals and cut points for risk based on the composite score replace the Instructional Recommendations on *DIBELS 6th Edition*.

Benchmark goals and cut points for risk for the *DIBELS* Composite Score are based on the same logic and procedures as the individual *DIBELS* measures; however, since the *DIBELS* Composite Score provides the best overall estimate of a student's skills, the *DIBELS* Composite Score should generally be interpreted first. If a student is at or above the benchmark goal on the *DIBELS* Composite Score, the odds are in the student's favor of reaching later important reading outcomes. Some students who score at or above the *DIBELS* Composite Score benchmark goal may still need additional support in one of the basic early literacy skills, as indicated by a below benchmark score on an individual *DIBELS Next* measure (FSF, PSF, NWF, DORF, or Daze), especially for students whose composite score is close to the benchmark goal.

Because the scores used to calculate the *DIBELS* Composite Score vary by grade and time of school year, it is important to note that the composite score generally cannot be used to directly measure growth over time or to compare results across grades or times of year. However, because the logic and procedures used to establish benchmark goals are consistent across grades and times of the school year, the percent of students at or above benchmark can be compared, even though the mean scores are not comparable.

K Kindergarten DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning of Year Benchmark

FSF Score = _____ [1]

LNFScore = _____ [2]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–2) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

FSF Score = _____ [1]

LNFScore = _____ [2]

PSF Score = _____ [3]

NWF CLS Score = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

LNFScore = _____ [1]

PSF Score = _____ [2]

NWF CLS Score = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

1 First Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Middle of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 49%	0
50% – 52%	2
53% – 55%	8
56% – 58%	14
59% – 61%	20
62% – 64%	26
65% – 67%	32
68% – 70%	38
71% – 73%	44
74% – 76%	50
77% – 79%	56
80% – 82%	62
83% – 85%	68
86% – 88%	74
89% – 91%	80
92% – 94%	86
95% – 97%	92
98% – 100%	98

End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 64%	0
65% – 66%	3
67% – 68%	9
69% – 70%	15
71% – 72%	21
73% – 74%	27
75% – 76%	33
77% – 78%	39
79% – 80%	45
81% – 82%	51
83% – 84%	57
85% – 86%	63
87% – 88%	69
89% – 90%	75
91% – 92%	81
93% – 94%	87
95% – 96%	93
97% – 98%	99
99% – 100%	105

Beginning of Year Benchmark

LNF Score = _____ [1]

PSF Score = _____ [2]

NWF CLS Score = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

NWF CLS Score = _____ [1]

NWF WWR Score = _____ [2]

DORF Words Correct = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

NWF WWR Score _____ x 2 = _____ [1]

DORF Words Correct = _____ [2]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

2 Second Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 64%	0
65% – 66%	3
67% – 68%	9
69% – 70%	15
71% – 72%	21
73% – 74%	27
75% – 76%	33
77% – 78%	39
79% – 80%	45
81% – 82%	51
83% – 84%	57
85% – 86%	63
87% – 88%	69
89% – 90%	75
91% – 92%	81
93% – 94%	87
95% – 96%	93
97% – 98%	99
99% – 100%	105

Middle and End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 85%	0
86%	8
87%	16
88%	24
89%	32
90%	40
91%	48
92%	56
93%	64
94%	72
95%	80
96%	88
97%	96
98%	104
99%	112
100%	120

Beginning of Year Benchmark

NWF WWR Score _____ x 2 = _____ [1]

DORF Words Correct = _____ [2]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
 $100 \times (\text{Words Correct} / (\text{Words Correct} + \text{Errors}))$

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
 $100 \times (\text{Words Correct} / (\text{Words Correct} + \text{Errors}))$

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
 $100 \times (\text{Words Correct} / (\text{Words Correct} + \text{Errors}))$

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [3]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–3) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

3 Third Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning, Middle, and End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 85%	0
86%	8
87%	16
88%	24
89%	32
90%	40
91%	48
92%	56
93%	64
94%	72
95%	80
96%	88
97%	96
98%	104
99%	112
100%	120

Beginning of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

4 Fourth Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning, Middle, and End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 85%	0
86%	8
87%	16
88%	24
89%	32
90%	40
91%	48
92%	56
93%	64
94%	72
95%	80
96%	88
97%	96
98%	104
99%	112
100%	120

Beginning of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

5 Fifth Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning, Middle, and End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 85%	0
86%	8
87%	16
88%	24
89%	32
90%	40
91%	48
92%	56
93%	64
94%	72
95%	80
96%	88
97%	96
98%	104
99%	112
100%	120

Beginning of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

6 Sixth Grade DIBELS® Next Composite Score Worksheet

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Beginning, Middle, and End of Year	
DORF Accuracy Percent	Accuracy Value
0% – 85%	0
86%	8
87%	16
88%	24
89%	32
90%	40
91%	48
92%	56
93%	64
94%	72
95%	80
96%	88
97%	96
98%	104
99%	112
100%	120

Beginning of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

Middle of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.

End of Year Benchmark

DORF Words Correct = _____ [1]

Retell Score _____ x 2 = _____ [2]

Daze Adjusted Score _____ x 4 = _____ [3]

DORF Accuracy Percent: _____ %
100 x (Words Correct / (Words Correct + Errors))

Accuracy Value from Table = _____ [4]

DIBELS Composite Score (add values 1–4) =

If DORF is below 40 and Retell is not administered, use 0 for the Retell value only for calculating the DIBELS Composite Score. Do not calculate the composite score if any of the values are missing.