February 12, 2014 Early Literacy Assessment Tool Project
RFP for 2014 - 2015 School Year

The 2012 School Finance Act required the Colorado Department of Education to select a contractor to supply an early literacy assessment tool that teachers may use to obtain real-time assessments of the reading skill levels of students in kindergarten through third grade. The intent was to support state purchase of software that provides individualized assessments with immediate results, stores and analyzes those results, and recommends activities based on those results. Through a competitive bid process, the contract was awarded to Amplify for its DIBELS Next system and Burst diagnostic reading assessments in January, 2013. Pending legislative approval during the 2014 session, the department will offer the project for the 2014-15 school year.

By participating in the Early Literacy Assessment Tool Project, local education agencies will be supplied with the online assessment of DIBELS Next, an approved interim measure, and the Burst diagnostic reading assessments, an approved diagnostic measure. First-time participating LEAs will receive assessment kits, each school will receive one kit per grade level (renewal applicants will not receive additional kits). All LEAs will receive licenses to use the assessment. The tool will store and analyze the results and recommend school and home activities based on those results. Districts will be responsible for providing their own hardware.

Hardware is not included. For a list of devices that support the software, go to:
http://www.amplify.com/assessment/mclass-dibels-next#devices

Submit your Early Literacy Assessment Tool Project Request for Proposal :

The original plus 1 copy of the application must be received by ***Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.*** In addition to the 2 hard copies, send an electronic copy of the application to: CompetitiveGrants@cde.state.co.us. Faxes will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Early Literacy Tool Project: WORD version of the application - PDF version of the application

 A complete application includes:

Part 1: Cover Page
Part 1a: School Information and Signatures Page (to be completed for EACH participating school)
Part 1b: Assurances
Amplify Authorization for Release of Personally Identifiable Information

Applications will be accepted as they are received. By submitting before the deadline, districts will afford themselves the opportunity for early outreach support.

Recorded Webinar from February 18, 2014:

View the webinar that was held on February 18, 2014. The webinar covers the application process as well as a demo of the tool.
View the PowerPoint

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