



# TOUCHING BASE

MAY 2010

PUTTING PROVEN METHODS OF READING RESEARCH IN THE CLASSROOM  
TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ACROSS COLORADO

## CRF DIBELS Next Institute

The Dynamic Measurement Group (DMG) has updated the *DIBELS* assessments with a new edition, *DIBELS Next*. This edition retains the best of *DIBELS*, but also increases ease of use, accuracy of results, and addresses comprehension.

Colorado Reading First (CRF) is hosting a ***DIBELS Next* Training Institute**, scheduled to take place **June 15-18, 2010**, in Denver.

The primary goal of this training is to help educators become proficient in using *DIBELS Next* data to plan and evaluate the effectiveness of their reading instruction. The secondary goal is for educational systems to build capacity so they will reduce their reliance on outside organizations (e.g., outside trainers and con-

sultants) to provide professional development.

Due to limited funding this training is intended for currently enrolled Colorado Reading First districts/schools. CRF will be inviting two participants from each CRF 2009-10 school.

CRF is also hosting a ***DIBELS Next* Transition Workshop**. This workshop is for participants who have already been trained in *DIBELS* and need minimal training in *DIBELS Next*. This workshop will be held in Denver on July 29, 2010. This training is also limited to currently enrolled CRF Schools.

Download the full *DIBELS Next* announcement at the following Web site:

<http://www.dibels.org/bros/DIBELSNextAnnouncement.pdf>

### POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- *DIBELS Next* Training Institute
- *DIBELS Next!*
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- BEAR Web Conference
- *DIBELS & BEAR Testing* Windows



Dynamic Measurement Group  
is pleased to announce the release of

**DIBELS<sup>®</sup> Next**

## DIBELS NEXT

*DIBELS Next* has retained the best of DIBELS, but has been updated to increase ease of use, accuracy of results, and to address comprehension.

### **DIBELS Next still:**

- Comprises brief, standardized, repeated indicators of foundational early literacy skills
- Are the most research-based measures found on the market
- Can be used for universal screening, benchmark assessment, and progress monitoring
- Can be used within an RtI model



### **DIBELS Next is based on new research** conducted over 4 years on over 25,000 students in over 90 schools throughout the United States:

- New readability formula and new research on reading passages
  - Less passage variability
  - Correlations with NAEP performance
  - Linkage to 6th Edition
- New reliability data on all measures
- New validity data on all measures
- New research on benchmark goals

### **New features of DIBELS Next include:**

- New, more concise and clear directions and scoring rules
- All new reading passages for all grades
- New arrangement of items to increase reliability of scores
- New early reader font for grades K-2
- Inclusion of response patterns
- New user-friendly format
- New streamlined look and feel
- New comprehension measure






6th Edition



7th Edition

Assessment Modifications		Benefits
Initial Sound Fluency (ISF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISF replaced by First Sound Fluency (FSF)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No pictures, no guessing</li> <li>• Continuous timing</li> <li>• Increased reliability</li> </ul>
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New directions and layout</li> <li>• New arrangement of items (test words)</li> <li>• Checklist of common response patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased ease of administering and scoring</li> <li>• Increased consistency of scores</li> <li>• Enhanced intervention planning</li> </ul>
Letter Name Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New font</li> <li>• New directions and layout</li> <li>• New arrangement of items (letters)</li> <li>• Checklist of common response pattern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More student-friendly</li> <li>• Increased ease of administering and scoring</li> <li>• Increased consistency of scores</li> <li>• Enhanced intervention planning</li> </ul>

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 6th Edition	 7th Edition	
Assessment Modifications		Benefits
Nonsense Word Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New font</li> <li>• New directions and layout</li> <li>• New arrangement of items (nonsense words)</li> <li>• Checklist of common response patterns</li> <li>• New score: Whole Word Read (WWR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More student-friendly</li> <li>• Increased ease of administering and scoring</li> <li>• Increased consistency of scores</li> <li>• Enhanced intervention planning</li> <li>• Enhanced interpretation of scores</li> </ul>
<i>DIBELS</i> Oral Reading Fluency (DORF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New font</li> <li>• New directions and layout</li> <li>• All new reading passages</li> <li>• Checklist of common response patterns</li> <li>• New scores: errors and retell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More student-friendly</li> <li>• Increased ease of administering and scoring</li> <li>• More equivalent passages</li> <li>• Enhanced intervention planning</li> <li>• Enhanced interpretation</li> </ul>
Did not exist	<div style="position: relative; height: 100px;">  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAZE               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIBELS maze comprehension measure</li> <li>• Grades 3-6</li> <li>• Group or individually administered</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures comprehension</li> <li>• Provides additional information for intermediate students</li> </ul>

## 2010 Rocky Mountain Institute

### June 21-24, 2010

Discover innovative, practical strategies to help your school make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and implemental tiered interventions. This hands-on institute will show you how to:

- Achieve AYP through **tiered intervention strategies**
- Develop a **data-driven action plan**
- Achieve **student literacy and math fluency**
- Differentiate **instruction for diverse learners**
- **Engage all students** through proven practices
- Build a **positive school climate**

The Rocky Mountain Institute will provide expert instruction from **today's education leaders** on cutting-edge strategies that will prepare you for the challenges faced in the classroom.

For more information please visit the following Web link:

<http://www.bettereducator.com/event.aspx?EventID=302>



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## CRF Announcements

### BEAR FAQ Web Conference

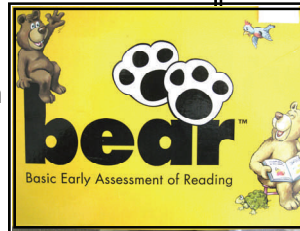
Colorado Reading First hosted a Web conference on Thursday, April 29, 2010, to answer frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the BEAR data submission process.

If you would like to view a recording of this presentation please select the following Web link:

<http://connect.cboces.org/p69706462/>

To view this Web conference please make sure that your computer speakers are turned on and that your system is not muted.

Further information on the BEAR process can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/coloradoliteracy/crf/assessments/BEAR.htm>



### Colorado Reading First Announcements:

May Testing and Data Entry Windows:

- **DIBELS Testing:** May 3-14
- **BEAR Testing:** May 3-14

**Kindergarten:** Reading Basics, Comprehension

**1st Grade:** Comprehension

**2nd Grade:** Comprehension

**3rd Grade:** Not Required

- **DIBELS Data Entry:** May 17-21
- **BEAR Data Entry:** May 17-21

• **DIBELS Final Data Submission:** May 21

• **BEAR Final Data Submission:** May 21



## May 2010 - CRF Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	S/SU
26	27	28	29	30	1/2
3	4	5	6	7	8/9
DIBELS Testing: May 3-14					
BEAR Testing: May 3-14					
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
DIBELS Testing: May 3-14					
BEAR Testing: May 3-14					
17	18	19	20	21	22/23
DIBELS Data Entry: May 17-21				DIBELS Final Data Submission: May 21	
BEAR Data Entry: May 17-21				BEAR Final Data Submission: May 21	
24	25	26	27	28 CDE Furlough Day	29/30
31 CDE Holiday	1	2	<b>CRF June 2010 Events</b> DIBELS Next Training Institute: June 15-18, 2010		