

ATLAS K-3 Screener Parent Information

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Arkansas is transitioning to a new state-wide assessment system for Kindergarten through Third Grade students.

This new assessment system will include a beginning-of-year screener to identify areas in literacy and math where your child may benefit from additional support and provide their teacher with the information necessary to help them grow.

The purpose of the K-3 screener is to...



1. Determine readiness to master grade-level work.



2. Signal need for any further diagnostic testing that may be needed.

The K-3 literacy screener...

✓ DOES identify a student's risk for poor reading or math outcomes	X DOES NOT diagnose dyslexia
✓ DOES help differentiate between students that need interventions or additional support and those that do not	X DOES NOT identify a learning disability
✓ DOES provide relevant information about the students to guide instruction	X DOES NOT act as a substitute for a formal evaluation as part of the eligibility process for special education placement

How do I access my student's results?

Parents and legal guardians can access their students' individual score report in the <u>ATLAS Parent</u> <u>Portal</u>. Your child's teacher will provide you with an access code.

In the individual score report, students will be identified as either "Not At Risk" or "At Risk" in each grade-level specific area of literacy and math that the screener assessed. Additional information to help you understand your student's results will be provided through the ATLAS Parent Portal. We encourage parents to discuss these results with your student's teacher.

What if my student needs additional support?

If your student is identified as "At Risk" on the literacy or math screener, they will receive additional assessments to help the teacher understand their specific needs. Based on these results, teachers will identify the targeted support your child will get at school, and how you can support them at home.