WHY?

Comparing PALS and Revised Screeners

Reading comprehension is the product of decoding and language comprehension with intricately woven subcomponent skills within both areas.

Currently, PALS focuses on the decoding/encoding side of reading development.

The updated screener will have revised code-based subtests and additional subtests to capture language comprehension skills.

The revised screener:

- Aligns with the most current evidence base
- Includes a more comprehensive and expanded coverage of skills
- Extends to Pre-K 3-year-olds
- Accurately identifies students at risk of developing reading difficulties
- Provides instructionally-useful information for teachers
- Allows for measurement of growth over time and across grade levels as it is vertically-aligned

And there's more!

- Creating a vertically-aligned Spanish literacy measure (Pre-K through Grade 3) that is a parallel measure, not a translation
- New and improved online score entry and reporting system
### WHAT?

**Literacy Screener Revision Model**  
*Spanish & English*

#### 3- and 4-year-olds
- Print Concepts
- Alphabet Knowledge
- Phonological Awareness
- Rapid Automatized Naming (4’s)
- Emergent Writing
- Language Comprehension

#### Kindergarten
- Alphabet Knowledge
- Phonological Awareness
- Rapid Automatized Naming
- Decoding and Encoding
- Language Comprehension

#### Grades 1 through 3
- Phonological Awareness
- Rapid Automatized Naming
- Decoding and Encoding
- Oral Reading Fluency
- Language Comprehension

#### Piloted K-3 Subtests Overview

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| Phonological Awareness
  - Syllable Segmenting
  - Beginning Sounds Matching
  - Beginning Sounds Expressive
  - Phoneme Blending
  - Phoneme Segmenting |
| Alphabet Knowledge
  - Letter Names
  - Letter Sounds
| Vocabulary Fluency
| Decoding
  - Real Words
  - Pseudowords |
| Encoding
  - Oral Reading Fluency |
| Processing
  - Colors, Objects, Numbers, Letters, Letters & Numbers |

### WHEN?

**2021-2022**
- Pilot Pre-K through Grade 3 English & Spanish
- Launch *Pre-K Language & Literacy Screener* (English)

**Fall 2022**
- Pilot K-3 English & Spanish
- Additional Pre-K (English) validation

**2023-2024**
- Soft Launch K-3 English for participating divisions (fall, mid-year, and spring)
- Soft Launch Pre-K through Grade 3 Spanish (spring)

**Fall 2024**
- Launch Language & Literacy Screeners:
  - K-3 English
  - Pre-K through Grade 3 Spanish

### WHERE?

Piloting in over 1,000 classrooms across Virginia to get a representative sample.

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