

# How to get your BUSD test scores

## 1 Why do families need to know about test scores?

The scores give early warning signs about students’ reading or math skills. With this information, families can get learning help earlier.

## 2 What district tests are given to students?

GRADES	SUBJECT	HOW OFTEN	TEST NAME	WHAT IT’S FOR	LEARN MORE
K-2	Reading	3x per year <i>Began fall 2021; before that, STAR Early Literacy from 1st grade</i>	<u>Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)</u>	Used as a ‘universal screener’ to find out who needs more reading help	<u>DIBELS Family Guide</u> <u>Guía para los padres a la Evaluación DIBELS</u>
3-8	Reading and Math	3x per year	<u>STAR Reading and STAR Math</u>	Short tests that give info about a student’s learning in math or reading	<u>About STAR Family Q&amp;A</u>

## 3 What should teachers do with results?

These test results should be used to help teachers improve student success by helping point out gaps in knowledge.

- **DIBELS** (K-2) helps teachers know what exact skills students need to build on to read well
- **STAR** (3-8) tests act as a temperature check, giving a warning sign that a student might need more help

## 4 How do I get my child’s test scores?

You can ask for your child’s DIBELS (K-2 for reading) and STAR (3-8 for math and reading) scores from your:

- school site principal
- child’s teacher
- a Response to Instruction & Intervention (RTI<sup>2</sup>) teacher

The school has 5 days after your email to get this to you. The best time to ask is during report card time in October, February, and May.

## 5 After I get the scores, what do I do?

See if your child’s scores are in color bands that show that they are at grade level, or if they are falling behind and need help.



### ON TRACK ZONES

Check in yearly for these results, to make sure your child remains on track.

**TIP:** Add a calendar reminder!

### WARNING ZONES

Request a ‘student success team’ meeting from your principal to get more support for your child.

### EXAMPLE EMAIL:

Dear Teacher/Principal,  
Would you please provide the most recent full family reports for my student’s DIBELS or STAR tests (math, reading)?

[If you want to see all the test results, then also add:] In addition, would you provide complete assessment history reports beginning with Kindergarten?

Thank you, GUARDIAN NAME

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