

**72-9921. Same; determination of child's skill-level; improvement plans.** (a) Each school district shall determine each child's mathematics and reading skill-level and whether each child is progressing adequately in acquiring mathematics and reading skills for the child's grade-level. Districts shall use the grade-level standards and respective indicators adopted by the state board in making such determinations. Districts shall use state assessments or diagnostic assessments that meet the standards determined by the state board during kindergarten and each of the grades one through three to determine a child's level of performance and to target specialized instructional interventions, programs and strategies. A child's progress shall be assessed at least once each year. Annual diagnostic assessments shall meet the diagnostic assessment requirements of the department.

(b) A district shall include in each participating school's improvement plan research-based intervention programs or strategies and interventions determined by the district. District-determined interventions may include, but are not limited to, individualized instruction, alternative teaching methods, a restructured school day, extended time strategies and any other intervention the district deems necessary.

(c) If a child has been identified as needing assistance, the plan for the school shall create a mechanism to track the child's interventions and progress. The school shall determine the methods by which the child's progress is measured. When a child has achieved the appropriate skills for the child's grade-level, no further interventions shall be necessary unless the child falls behind in another grade. If the child does not achieve the appropriate skills for the child's grade-level despite intervention, the school shall take action to initiate additional interventions for the child to achieve such skills. When appropriate, districts are encouraged to utilize skilled and trained community-based organizations and individuals to implement intervention plans.

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