
EARLY INTERVENTION READING INITIATIVE

Proposal Requirements for Use of a Local Diagnostic Screening Instrument

This form needs to be returned to the Department of Education no later than Friday June 1, 2007.

**Attention: Ginna Glover
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School divisions have the option to select an alternate diagnostic screening instrument other than the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) instrument to meet the requirements of the Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI). Divisions that elect to use a local diagnostic screening instrument for EIRI purposes must submit a proposal to the Department of Education. The selected assessment may not consist of components pieced together from multiple sources. If a school division chooses to use an assessment other than the PALS, the following information must be submitted:

- the locally developed or selected instrument with a cover sheet including the school division's name and appropriate contact information;
- documentation of alignment with the Virginia Standards of Learning;
- documentation of alignment with the PALS;
- documentation that the assessment adheres to psychometric guidelines for reliability and validity recommended by the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the American Psychological Association (APA), and the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME); and
- a written plan of how the division will report assessment results to the PALS office and include a Student Testing Identifier for each student screened.

School divisions that wish to submit a locally developed or selected EIRI assessment for consideration by the Department of Education must submit the required documentation by Friday, June 1, 2007, to:

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If you have questions, please contact Ginna Glover at Ginna.Glover@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-1997.