IXL Universal Reading Screeners

The IXL Universal Reading Screeners give you precise, fast, and targeted screening for intervention on reading competency. These Screeners:

Identify at-risk students in just 20-30 minutes

Provide reliable data that meets the highest standards for validity and accuracy

Pair with IXL's comprehensive curriculum to unlock maximum growth and a personalized path forward for every student

Choose from two Reading Screeners to meet your assessment goals:

Reading Foundations

- Grades K-3
- Assesses early literacy skills and flags students at risk for dyslexia

Reading Comprehension

- Grades 3-8
- Evaluates whether students are able to understand what they read

Get your students the reading support they need by following these steps:

1 Set up a Reading Screener

2 Use Screener insights for intervention planning

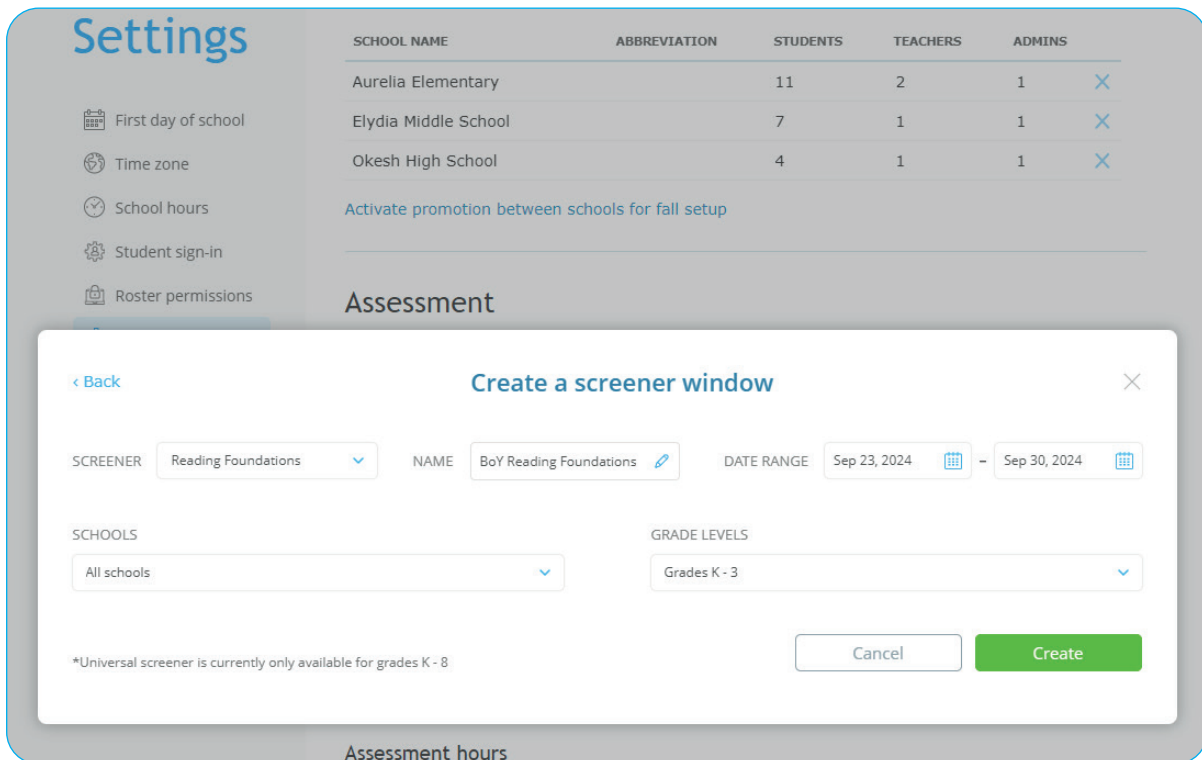**3** Plan Reading Screeners throughout the year to get up-to-date data

1 Set up a Reading Screener

Create Reading Screener windows for early identification of students who may need additional support.

• Add a Screener window

Primary and lead administrators can create a Reading Screener window by going to the admin settings page, selecting "Add a new window," and choosing the Reading Screener. You can customize:

- Type of Screener: either Reading Foundations (K through 3rd grade) or Reading Comprehension (3rd through 8th grade)
- Start and end dates of the Screener window
- Grade levels and schools to assign the Screener to
- Name of the Screener (e.g "Fall reading Screener")

Why can third graders take both types of Reading Screener?
Third graders are still mastering some of the basic mechanics of reading while also beginning to analyze longer texts. Using both assessments can provide the most complete picture of a third grader's reading skill.

- ## Help teachers guide students to complete their Screeners

  Remind teachers that students need to complete the Screener before the Screener's end date. Share this guide with teachers to help them get started.
  If you create overlapping Screener windows for both Math and Reading Screeners, students can choose whether to complete the Math Screener or the Reading Screener first.
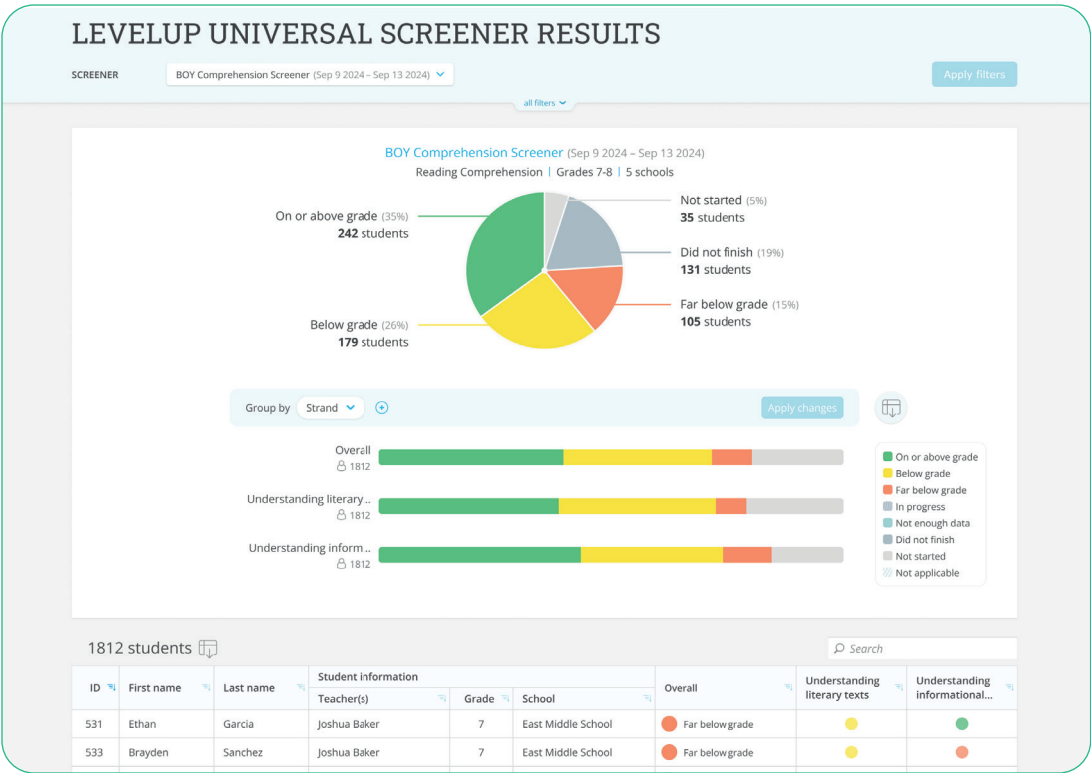
- ## Monitor completion of the Screener

  Visit the Universal Screener report to check whether students have finished their Screeners, and follow up with schools and teachers as needed.

2 Use Screener insights for intervention planning

Leverage high-level data:

After the Screener window ends, visit the Universal Screener Results report in IXL Analytics and select the Reading Screener type you scheduled to quickly see where your students stand.

For both overall reading skill and key strands, students are placed into one of the following categories:

- On or above grade level
- Below grade level
- Far below grade level

The Reading Foundations Screener may also flag some students as at-risk for reading difficulties, including dyslexia.*

*This flag means we recommend students should be evaluated by a professional; it does not diagnose dyslexia.

Use the insights to drive intervention planning, such as:

- Holding data-driven discussions with key stakeholders, including teachers, interventionists, and school psychologists
- Creating intervention groups and IEPs based on grade-level standings
- Assigning at-risk students to additional classes or, if needed, adjusting instruction for entire grade levels

See student-level data

Scroll down in the report to dig into more details for each student in your school or district.

3 Plan Reading Screeners throughout the year to get up-to-date data

Schedule additional Screeners throughout the school year to get updates on where students stand. Based on the results, adjust groupings as needed and work with your staff to support your students.

Each type of IXL Universal Reading Screener may be used up to five times per school year, offering maximum opportunity for identifying and helping at-risk students.

Recommended: Use IXL's all-in-one platform for maximum growth

IXL has the only unified assessment-and-learning solution that enables students to move seamlessly from fast, focused assessment back into meaningful instruction and practice.

After screening students for intervention, dive deeper and get personalized next steps with the IXL Diagnostic:

- Leverage Snapshot mode for lightweight and flexible benchmarking.
- Recommend that teachers use Real-Time mode to get frequent and granular insights into their students' knowledge gaps.
- Once students' levels are pinpointed with the diagnostic, they will receive Diagnostic Action Plans with the exact skills they need to work on to grow from where they are.