

Progress Monitoring Data Sharing Consent Form (District)

Background: On October 6, 2021, the Florida Department of Education (Department) applied for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER). Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Florida has continually been the leader among states in returning students to in-person instruction, providing academic support to mitigate learning loss, closing achievement gaps, and promoting the health and well-being of our students and educators. It is particularly important that ARP ESSER funding will enable states and local educational agencies, and more directly, schools, to support the students who have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our most vulnerable students are likely to have suffered the most because of longstanding inequities in our communities and schools that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FDOE is engaging with districts and schools to collect and analyze student formative assessment data throughout the 2021-22 school year, referred to as progress monitoring, so that local and state-level interventions and supports can continue to be designed and deployed to accelerate learning in reading and math. This progress monitoring data provides an inside perspective on potential learning loss and areas to enhance focused strategies in our policy and spending plans for the 2021-22 school year.

Florida's highest priorities for the 2021-22 school year are related to addressing the impacts brought on by the pandemic for our most vulnerable students, while ensuring our continued urgency towards closing achievement gaps. Our efforts include the continuation of literacy initiatives that demonstrated success in the 2020-21 school year, in alignment with research and evidence-based practices. We will continue to rely on data collected and analyzed from the 2020-21 end-of-year assessments, as well as progress monitoring formative assessment data gathered throughout the 2021-22 school year to ensure a coordinated focus on deploying a multi-tiered support system.

Florida will continue to use the progress monitoring dashboard BrightBytes to compile and analyze local and state data as compared to instructional modalities. The dashboard will also help determine the support needed based on achievement gaps. To facilitate the continued utilization of the BrightBytes dashboard, the Hamilton County School District will complete and submit the Progress Monitoring Data Consent Form.

Progress Monitoring Data Sharing Consent: In order to share this information with the Department, the Hamilton County School District requests that iReady and Performance Matters provide progress monitoring data to the Department and to BrightBytes, an authorized agent/contractor of the Department.

In light of this request, the Hamilton County School District hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. BrightBytes is an authorized agent/contractor of the Department and is entitled to receive student progress monitoring data on behalf of the Department.
2. iReady and Performance Matters are authorized agents/contractors of the Hamilton County School District and are entitled to receive student progress monitoring data on behalf of the district.
3. As an assurance to receive ARP-ESSER funding, the Department is requesting progress

monitoring data from the Hamilton County School District to be provided to the Department and its vendor, BrightBytes.

4. The specific information being requested is progress monitoring data for all students in reading and math from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Progress monitoring data must be provided at least three times each year.
5. The Hamilton County School District hereby consents to the provision of such data to the Department and its vendor, BrightBytes, by a secure means of transmission, as agreed upon by the Department and the district.
6. The Hamilton County School District acknowledges that the Department and its vendor shall be responsible for all student data in its possession and control.
7. The Hamilton County School District and iReady/Performance Matters shall have no liability or responsibility for any unauthorized disclosure of student data, corruption of student data, or data security breaches which occur as a result of actions or inactions of the Department or BrightBytes.
8. All persons who have access to student data provided by the Hamilton County School District and iReady/Performance Matters will abide by the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g, as implemented by regulations of the U.S. Department of Education, 34 C.F.R. Part 99, and as described in Sections 1002.22 and 1002.221, Florida Statutes.
9. The authorization for iReady and Performance Matters to provide progress monitoring data to the Department and its vendor, BrightBytes, is valid through June 30, 2023, unless amended.

This data sharing consent form is hereby executed by an authorized representative of the Hamilton County School District:

Signature: _____



Date: 1/28/2022

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