ONCE EARLY-READING PROGRAM
SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023
KINDERGARTEN DIBELS

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Research Results for Once Kindergarten Tutoring: School Year 2022/2023
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Introduction

Once is an early-reading program that trains and coaches school support staff to deliver daily, one-on-one, in-person instruction. Once partnered with LXD Research to support educators in understanding the impact of Once tutoring in their schools. This end-of-year (EOY) report summarizes the implementation and presents outcomes from schools that provided both beginning-of-year (BOY) and EOY data.

Implementation Summary

Once is designed to be implemented as a Tier-I intervention in kindergarten or a Tier-II or Tier-III intervention in 1st grade. This report is based on LXD Research’s review of BOY and EOY outcome data from 7 schools that implemented Once in Kindergarten. On average, students received 63 tutoring sessions (a maximum of 116 and a minimum of 15) and completed 50 lessons (“Cycles”) with the Once curriculum.

Literacy Achievement Summary

Meaningful progress was made by the kindergarten students who received Once Tutoring during the 2022/2023 school year. All of the students started the year at Below Benchmark or Well Below Benchmark on DIBELS. By the end of the year, 84% of the kindergartners achieved At or Above Benchmark status.

Correlation Summary

Students who completed more Once lessons by the end of the school year had higher DIBELS scores than students who completed fewer Once lessons.

Please review the detailed results about implementation and DIBELS outcomes on pages 2-3.
Kindergarten Results

Seven schools implementing Once in Kindergarten reported BOY and EOY outcomes. All schools used DIBELS 8th edition.

Literacy Achievement Outcomes Using DIBELS

Seven schools implementing Once in Kindergarten reported results for 45 students who received Once instructional sessions.

The percentage of students At or Above Benchmark increased from 0% at the beginning of the year to 84% at the end of the year. One-third of students (Above Benchmark at EOY) achieved more than one year’s worth of growth to close their literacy achievement gap and end the year at a first-grade level.

The median percentile for these students increased from the 28th percentile to the 66th percentile. In other words, half of the students were below the 28th percentile at the start of the year, and by the end, half were above the 66th percentile.
Correlation between Once and DIBELS EOY Scores

Once is delivered through one-on-one tutoring sessions in which students complete lesson cycles using the Once curriculum.

A positive and significant relationship exists between the number of Once lesson cycles completed and DIBELS end-of-year composite scores. Overall, the more lesson cycles students completed in Once, the higher their scores on DIBELS.

1 (r=0.46, p<.01) A Pearson’s r between 0.4 - 0.6 is considered medium strength in educational research.
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