FROM: Chris Pisarik, ICHSAP Administrator
DATE: August 2021
SUBJECT: Notice Regarding OPTIONAL Universal Screening of Reading Readiness and Mathematics or Math Readiness for Students Who are Dual Enrolled or Participate in ICHSAP Programming

Iowa Code section 279.68 requires that Iowa City School District students grades K-3 be offered the opportunity to be screened for reading or reading readiness. Math and reading screening happen three times a year. This year’s scheduled screening periods are listed below and are optional for ICHSAP and some dual enrollment students.

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That law also requires the district to offer additional supports for children who are identified as being “persistently at risk” in reading.

If your child is identified as “at risk” (below benchmark during one screening period) the district will discuss with you the ways you and the district may improve your child’s reading performance. The district will also offer additional weekly monitoring of your child’s progress. You will have the opportunity to determine if this is something you wish for your child to participate in.

If your child is identified as being “persistently at risk” in reading (below benchmark during two or more consecutive screening periods), the district will notify you of the following information:

- That your child has been identified as being persistently at risk in reading.
- A description of the services that can be provided to your child.
- A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services at your resident school and supports that the district could provide to your child that are designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency.
- Strategies for you to use in helping your child succeed in reading proficiency, including but not limited to the promotion of parent-guided home reading.
If your child is identified as being “persistently at risk” in reading, the district will discuss options for you to consider in providing competent private instruction to your child. The purpose of this screening is to get you and your child the information and help as soon as possible if your child is not meeting reading benchmarks. This early information will help you make the best decisions for your child, and help the district work with you to support your child.

ICHSAP and/or dual enrollment families can designate their intention to participate in the FAST screenings when filling out their ICHSAP and Dual Enrollment Form. More information about assessment opportunities through the ICHSAP and the ICCSD can be found on our website at https://www.iowacityschools.org/Page/18097.

There is no charge for this optional screening. Your child’s screening results are private and protected. This screening is different from the assessment provisions in Iowa’s private instruction law. If you want more information about this law, please contact Chris Pisarik, ICHSAP Administrator at pisarik.chris@iowacityschools.org or visit the Iowa Department of Education’s https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice/competent-private-instruction-home-schooling

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