2026-2027 Universal Mathematics Screener Evaluation Process

Building foundational mathematics skills early is proven to support student success in their future academic and career pathways. Indiana will publish a list of up to two preferred universal mathematics screeners for kindergarten through grade two (as defined by Indiana Code
20-32-6.5-2) to help schools choose tools that will monitor student achievement in early math skills. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) partners with a committee of Indiana educators to review universal mathematics screeners to ensure that they meet legislative requirements prior to approval. Schools may request funds to purchase these screeners through the Formative Assessment Grant (Indiana Code 20-32-5.1-17). Universal mathematics screeners must meet the requirements defined within the 2026-2027 Universal Mathematics Screener Evaluation Rubric on the Formative (Interim) Assessment Grant (Optional Interim Assessments and Required Screeners) webpage.

This process document defines the steps vendors must take to seek approval as a universal mathematics screener. Table 1 provides an overview of tasks and deadlines. Additional details for completing each task follow.

Table 1: Overview of Process Tasks and Deadlines

| Date | Task Due |
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| November 17 - December 2, 2025 | Letter of intent via the online <u>Universal Mathematics Screener</u> <u>Vendor Registration Form (2026-2027)</u> period. |
| January 6, 2026 | Final date to submit documentation via the online <u>Universal</u> <u>Mathematics Screener Submission Form (2026-2027).</u> |
| January 8 - January 23, 2026 | Universal mathematics screener educator committee reviews submitted requests. |
| January 29 - January 30, 2026 | Vendor clarification period, as needed. |
| Early February | Vendors receive final results. |
| Late February | IDOE identifies the universal mathematics screener(s). |

Additional details for completing each task follow.

- Vendor reviews the Universal Mathematics Screener Evaluation Protocol: 2026-2027 found on IDOE's <u>webpage</u>.
- 2. Vendor submits a letter of intent via <u>Universal Mathematics Screener Vendor</u> Registration Form (2026-2027) to participate by **December 2, 2025.**

- The online registration form will include the vendor name, the name of the universal mathematics screener intended for submission, acknowledgement of the published process, and agreement to follow the published process.
- 3. Vendor compiles evidence addressing all required elements.
- 4. Vendor submits documentation by January 6, 2026 via the <u>Universal Mathematics</u> <u>Screener Submission Form (2026-2027)</u>. Once the form is submitted, an automatic email confirmation will be sent to verify its receipt. Contact IDOE's <u>Office of Student Assessment</u> if confirmation is not received. The form will require:
 - Universal mathematics screener name and vendor (i.e., company name).
 - Contact information for a company representative. This representative will be contacted (1) in the event IDOE has questions regarding the submission and (2) with results. More than one contact may be submitted, if desired.
 - Documentation addressing each element in the rubric (per process step 3).
- 5. IDOE moves documentation to committee review.
- 6. The committee reviews the submitted documentation against the 2026-2027 Universal Mathematics Screener Evaluation Rubric.
 - If the committee has questions regarding the submitted documentation, IDOE will reach out to the vendor during the designated clarification period.
 - Vendor responses should address only the questions pertaining to the submitted documentation. Supplementary documents will not be accepted.
 - A clarification period will only occur if the committee poses questions. If the committee does not have questions for the vendor, the period will be omitted.
- 7. IDOE sends the final results and any additional feedback to the vendor's provided contact(s) via email.
- 8. IDOE publishes the universal mathematics screener(s) for Indiana schools via IDOE's webpage.

Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with questions.