

# Ohio's Diagnostic Assessments

# **GRADE 1** WRITING

# Directions for Administration Manual SCREENER



# ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

### Introduction

This *Directions for Administration Manual (DFAM)* for the Ohio Diagnostic Assessments contains information on administering the Screener.

Before administering the Screener, Test Administrators (TAs) must review this DFAM to familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures, and materials necessary for conducting the administration.

For guidance on statewide requirements for administering and reporting results from the Ohio Diagnostic Assessments, please refer to the Ohio Department of Education website. Go to education.ohio.gov and search key words: Diagnostic Assessments.

# **Third Grade Reading Guarantee**

Districts/schools must administer a reading diagnostic assessment to all students in grade one through grade three by September 30 and to all students in kindergarten by November 1 of each school year to meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Districts/schools must administer a mathematics diagnostic assessment to all students in grades one and two, and a writing diagnostic assessment to all students in grades one, two and three at least once during the school year. All results must be reported in the EMIS data collection.

### **Use of Format**

The Ohio Diagnostic Assessments were developed in two formats:

- **Screener** Kindergarten, one, two, three for reading and writing; and kindergarten, one and two for mathematics.
- **Full Measure** Kindergarten, one, two, three for reading and writing; and kindergarten, one and two for mathematics.

A specific format is to be administered at different times of the year to assess specific skills. The Screener will measure the end-of-year expectations of the previous year's standards; the reading Screener will be used to meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The Full Measure will measure end-of-year expectations of the current grade level.

There is no Short Screening Measure for the Ohio Diagnostic Assessments.

# **Test Administrator Criteria**

The test administrator must meet this criteria:

- The person must be an employee of the district or school;
- The person must hold a current permit, license or certificate issued by the Ohio Dept. of Education.

If the person providing the accommodation is also administering the diagnostic assessment, then that person must also meet the test administrator criteria.

# **Content Alignment**

	Activity	Strand/Topic(s)	Standard Statement(s)
Session 1			
Activity 1 (page 8) Questions 1 – 4	Informational Writing (Food)	Writing: Text Types and Purposes	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.
			With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text
		Language: Conventions of Standard English	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  B) Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.
			Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. C) Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

	Activity	Strand/Topic(s)	Standard Statement(s)
Session 2			
(page 11) Sentence Questions Writing (W 5 - 20 Sentence	Writing (Ted) Sentence Writing (Wes) Sentence Writing (Zip) Sentence	Language: Conventions of Standard English	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A) Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun I.
	Willing (Killi)	ing (kim)	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. B) Recognize and name end punctuation.
			Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. C) Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).
			Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. D) Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

# **Students Who Require Accommodations**

There are no special versions (e.g., large print, Braille, English Audio CD or Foreign language CDs) of the Ohio Diagnostic Assessments.

### Definition of an Accommodation

An accommodation is defined as a change in the testing environment, procedures or presentation that does not alter what the test measures or the comparability of scores. The purpose of accommodations is to enable students to participate in an assessment in a way that allows knowledge and skills to be assessed rather than disabilities or a language barrier. Refer to the section on accommodations in the *Ohio Statewide Assessment Program Rules Book*, which is online. Go to education.ohio.gov and search keywords: assessment rules book.

# Criteria for the Use of Accommodations

Accommodations should be made to allow access by students with specific needs whether the student has been identified as an English language learner (ELL) or a student with identified disabilities with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. However, any accommodation that gives a student an advantage is not considered allowable because it does not permit valid assumptions to be made from the results. A student's assessment results should reflect his or her true ability and should not be affected by inappropriate accommodations.

The student should always be familiar with the accommodation prior to the assessment so no confusion arises on the day of the assessment on how to access the accommodation. The accommodation should have been provided in the classroom before the ODE-developed Diagnostic Assessments are administered.

This accommodation applies to both the ELL and the student with an IEP or 504 Plan:

• Students must respond in **English** on the writing diagnostic assessment.

# **English Language Learners (ELLs)**

Students identified as English language learners (ELL) are allowed the following accommodations for the ODE-developed Diagnostic Assessments (reading, mathematics and writing):

- Translation dictionary: although the translation dictionary is an allowable accommodation, please consider the individual student's age and skill; it may be inappropriate.
- Use of a translator:
  - Only students who have been in a U.S. school for less than three years and have scored at the beginning or intermediate level on an English language proficiency assessment may have the use of a translator.
- Translators will be a district expense, and there will be no reimbursement.
- On the reading diagnostic assessment, stories, poems, rhyming words, word sounds and nonsense words must be read in English by the test administrator/translator and the student. These activities will be primarily in grades kindergarten and one. Please follow the directions for the activity.

### Students with Identified Disabilities

Students with disabilities who have an IEP or have been evaluated under Section 504 may be provided accommodations during the administration of statewide tests. The Ohio Administrative Code defines four criteria for allowable accommodations:

- The accommodation is specified in a student with disabilities' IEP (or 504 Plan) and is provided for classroom and district-wide assessments.
- The accommodation does not change the content or structure of an assessment. For example, the TA may not convert open-ended questions to multiple-choice questions.
- The accommodation does not change what type of knowledge or skill that an assessment is intended to measure.
- The accommodation does not change or enhance a student's response as to what type of knowledge or skill is intended to be assessed, but it facilitates how the response is provided or accessed. For example, a scribe may only record the actual response provided by the student. Some students who

have more pronounced coordination and fine motor disabilities are unable to produce written work in the classroom without the assistance of a scribe or certain augmentative communication devices. If such an accommodation is provided in the classroom, then the IEP team may determine that the accommodation should be provided to the student at the time of testing. School staff should use caution when providing these accommodations because the potential exists to exceed the criteria for allowable accommodations.

### **Test Administration Procedures**

### Before the Test

### **Materials Needed for Testing**

Please print these materials from the website.

- TAs will need this manual.
- a Student Booklet (one per student)
- a Student Score Sheet (one per student)

### Preparing to Give the Test

The following steps are recommended to prepare for the administration:

- Collect the necessary materials listed above
- Review the script to ensure you are familiar with the assessment
- Check which students are to receive accommodations and make sure the students are familiar with the procedure.

# **During the Test Administration**

### Administration Types: Group vs. Individual

The Ohio Diagnostic Assessment activities have two different administration types: group and individual, or one-on-one.

### **Oral Scripts**

To ensure standardized administration conditions across the state, this manual contains directions that you will read to students, including oral scripts. All information to be read aloud to students will be printed in **bold** type. Do not deviate from the directions or the scripts. TAs may read the question and related text up to three times, if needed or requested by the student, unless stated otherwise in the directions for a particular activity.

### After the Test

At the conclusion of testing, TAs must use the scoring guidelines presented in the DFAM to score the students' responses. TAs must then mark the appropriate score on the Score Sheet.

# Activity 1: Informational Writing (Food)

### Questions 1 - 4

Type of Administration: Group

Estimated Time to Administer: 30 minutes

### **Materials**

• Student Booklet

Student Score Sheet

### **Notes**

- TAs will read the bold text to guide students through the administration of the items. You may repeat any information up to three times.
- Students will respond in their Student Booklets.
- After administering the assessment, collect the Student Booklets. Use the Scoring Guidelines to score each student's response and complete the Student Score Sheet.

### Getting Started

Ask students to open the Student Booklet to page 1.

Today you will be doing a writing activity in this booklet. At the bottom of some pages you will see the word "STOP." This means you should wait for directions before you go on. You may look back at your writing to check your work. When you are finished, put your pencil down.

Sometimes people write about things that are true. This is called writing to inform. You will be writing about a food. Choose a food to write about. Take a minute to think about facts about that food. Think about what the food looks like, tastes like, and smells like. Think about where you get it and if you know what it's made from.

Use a classroom management signal/technique that you commonly use to have students signal that they are ready. Allow students time to think about a food. Monitor to be sure each student has an idea.

### Think about the food you have chosen.

Direct students' attention to their Student Booklets. Point to each section on the booklet as you give instructions.

Please point to the box at the top of the page. This is where you will draw a picture of your food.

Pause and allow students time to draw.

### Underneath the picture are some lines for writing.

Point to these lines on both pages.

This is where you can write about your picture. Think about where to use capital letters and periods. If you don't know how to spell the words you want to use, it is okay. Think about the sounds you hear in the word and write as many of the sounds as you can. When you are ready to begin writing about your picture to tell what you know about a food, you may begin.

Pause and allow students time to write.

While students work, monitor the class. After 10 minutes, you may choose to allow students to dictate sentences while you write these sentences on the sheet, above or below student attempts at writing. Do not coach or prompt students beyond asking "What do you want me to write?" or "What do you want to say?" After approximately 15 to 20 minutes of writing time, collect all student materials.

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<b>4.</b> Grammar (Language)	3. Conventions (Language)	2. Written Expression (Writing)	1 Screener 1. Content (Writing)
Using dictation, student includes frequently occurring nouns, verbs, correct plural formations and prepositions. Dictation includes primarily full sentences that reflect complete thoughts.	Student has written work that is distinct from what has been drawn. Written work reflects an early understanding of spelling structures and the conventions of print (capital letters and end marks). Student often uses letters from his/her own name when creating unfamiliar words.	Student draws a recognizable picture or series of pictures specific to a topic that reflects story construction (some sense of beginning, middle, and end). Written work (dictated or self-produced) represents complete thoughts and student attempts to read back what has been written.	Using a combination of drawing, dictating, and emergent writing, student composes a text that includes a topic with connected information and/or related events. Student writes letters and word approximations that often follow phonetic patterns.
Using dictation, student primarily labels or categorizes attempts at drawing. Frequently occurring words are used, though sentence construction is limited. Student may have some understanding of oral grammatical constructions, but speech still reflects overgeneralizations.	Student produces written text that frequently uses letters from his/her own name. Student may overgeneralize simple rules of convention (periods, capital letters). Dictated work may be a stream of thought (often connected by the word 'and') that has no clear separation of thought or topic.	Student draws images that may not be representational and includes words/phrases that may be loosely connected to a topic. Dictation may wander off topic. Student may attempt to read back what has been dictated or written with little success.	Using a combination of drawing, dictating, and emergent writing, student creates non-representational images with related words and/or phrases in his/her descriptions. Student attempts words, often focusing on the beginning sound.
Dictation is rarely/seldom initiated. Student may respond to teacher directed questions with single words or simple phrases. When drawing attempts are present, student uses inconsistent labels. (i.e. identifying two things with the same name - 'my dog')	Student makes few comments about work. Writing and drawing attempts are limited. Little, if any, understanding of conventions (in print and drawing) is apparent.	Student makes marks on paper that he/she identifies inconsistently if at all. Student may not differentiate between marks that are representations of print and those that represent images.	Using a limited combination of drawing, dictating, and emergent writing, student creates marks on paper that may be verbally labeled and loosely connected to a topic.  Student uses letters and marks to represent words.

# Activity 2: Sentence Writing (Ted)

### Questions 5 - 8

Type of Administration: Group

Estimated Time to Administer: 15 - 20 minutes

### **Materials**

• Student Booklet

• Student Score Sheet

### **Notes**

- TAs will read the bold text to guide students through the administration of the items. You may repeat any information up to three times.
- Students will respond in their Student Booklets.
- After administering the assessment, collect the Student Booklets. Use the Scoring Guidelines to score each student's response and complete the Student Score Sheet.

### Getting Started

Ask students to open the Student Booklet to page 3.

Today you are going to do a writing activity.

In this activity, you will show what you know about words and sounds, capital letters, and punctuation by writing a sentence. Put your finger on the first line for this activity in your Student Booklet to show me you know where we are.

Monitor students to ensure that they are at the correct place.

Let's begin. You will listen to me as I say a sentence. Then you will say the sentence out loud with me. As I say the sentence the second time, you will begin writing the sentence on the line. As you write, I will repeat each word in the sentence slowly so that everyone has time to listen to the sounds and write them on their paper. It is okay if you aren't sure how to spell the word. Just listen carefully to the sounds you hear in each word and write them on your paper the best that you can. Listen to this sentence.

Ted and I can fit a lot of milk in his big cup.

Repeat the sentence back to me.

Say the sentence with the class as they repeat it back.

Now begin writing the sentence on your paper as I repeat it back to you slowly. Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly. If at any time you need me to slow down or repeat a word, let me know.

Be sure to say each word in the sentence clearly and slowly so that students have time to write. You may repeat each word up to three times. Monitor student writing to adjust pace as needed. Do not go on until all students have had enough time to attempt the sentence.

5. Capitalize the first word in the sentence and the pronoun "I."

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response
1	Student response shows correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence AND the pronoun "I."
0	Student response does not show correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence OR the pronoun "I." Students who write in all capital letters do not get credit for correct capitalization.

6. Demonstrate command of end punctuation.

Points	Student Response		
1	Student response correctly ends the sentence with a period or exclamation point.		
0	Student response does not correctly end the sentence with a period or exclamation point.		

7. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response
1	Student response represents at least 3 short vowel sounds and 10 consonant sounds phonetically.
0	Student response does not correctly represent at least 3 short vowel sounds AND at least 10 consonant sounds phonetically in the sentence.

8. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

Points	Student Response	
1	Student response shows correct spelling of at least 7 of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.	
'	For example, the student sentence might be written as: "Ted and I can fit a lot uv milk in hiz big kup."	
0	Student response shows correct spelling of 6 or fewer of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.	

# Activity 3: Sentence Writing (Wes)

### Questions 9 - 12

Type of Administration: Group

Estimated Time to Administer: 15 - 20 minutes

### **Materials**

• Student Booklet

• Student Score Sheet

### **Notes**

- TAs will read the bold text to guide students through the administration of the items. You may repeat any information up to three times.
- Students will respond in their Student Booklets.
- After administering the assessment, collect the Student Booklets. Use the Scoring Guidelines to score each student's response and complete the Student Score Sheet.

### Getting Started

Ask students to open the Student Booklet to page 3.

Today you are going to do a writing activity.

In this activity, you will show what you know about words and sounds, capital letters, and punctuation by writing a sentence. Put your finger on the first line for this activity in your Student Booklet to show me you know where we are.

Monitor students to ensure that they are at the correct place.

Let's begin. You will listen to me as I say a sentence. Then you will say the sentence out loud with me. As I say the sentence the second time, you will begin writing the sentence on the line. As you write, I will repeat each word in the sentence slowly so that everyone has time to listen to the sounds and write them on their paper. It is okay if you aren't sure how to spell the word. Just listen carefully to the sounds you hear in each word and write them on your paper the best that you can. Listen to this sentence.

Wes had a hot dog and I put it in a bun.

Repeat the sentence back to me.

Say the sentence with the class as they repeat it back.

Now begin writing the sentence on your paper as I repeat it back to you slowly. Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly. If at any time you need me to slow down or repeat a word, let me know.

Be sure to say each word in the sentence clearly and slowly so that students have time to write. You may repeat each word up to three times. Monitor student writing to adjust pace as needed. Do not go on until all students have had enough time to attempt the sentence.

9. Capitalize the first word in the sentence and the pronoun "I."

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response
1	Student response shows correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence AND the pronoun "I."
0	Student response does not show correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence OR the pronoun "I." Students who write in all capital letters do not get credit for correct capitalization.

10. Demonstrate command of end punctuation.

Points	Student Response
1	Student response correctly ends the sentence with a period or exclamation point.
0	Student response does not correctly end the sentence with a period or exclamation point.

11. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response
1	Student response represents at least 3 short vowel sounds and 8 consonant sounds phonetically.
0	Student response does not correctly represent at least 3 short vowel sounds AND at least 8 consonant sounds phonetically in the sentence.

12. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

Points	Student Response	
1	Student response shows correct spelling of at least 6 of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.	
	For example, the student sentence might be written as: "Wes had a hot dog and I poot it in a bun."	
0	Student response shows correct spelling of 5 or fewer of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.	

# Activity 4: Sentence Writing (Zip)

### Questions 13 - 16

Type of Administration: Group

Estimated Time to Administer: 15 - 20 minutes

### **Materials**

• Student Booklet

• Student Score Sheet

### **Notes**

- TAs will read the bold text to guide students through the administration of the items. You may repeat any information up to three times.
- Students will respond in their Student Booklets.
- After administering the assessment, collect the Student Booklets. Use the Scoring Guidelines to score each student's response and complete the Student Score Sheet.

### Getting Started

Ask students to open the Student Booklet to page 4.

Today you are going to do a writing activity.

In this activity, you will show what you know about words and sounds, capital letters, and punctuation by writing a sentence. Put your finger on the first line for this activity in your Student Booklet to show me you know where we are.

Monitor students to ensure that they are at the correct place.

Let's begin. You will listen to me as I say a sentence. Then you will say the sentence out loud with me. As I say the sentence the second time, you will begin writing the sentence on the line. As you write, I will repeat each word in the sentence slowly so that everyone has time to listen to the sounds and write them on their paper. It is okay if you aren't sure how to spell the word. Just listen carefully to the sounds you hear in each word and write them on your paper the best that you can. Listen to this sentence.

My big dog Zip and I ran in the wet mud.

Repeat the sentence back to me.

Say the sentence with the class as they repeat it back.

Now begin writing the sentence on your paper as I repeat it back to you slowly. Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly. If at any time you need me to slow down or repeat a word, let me know.

Be sure to say each word in the sentence clearly and slowly so that students have time to write. You may repeat each word up to three times. Monitor student writing to adjust pace as needed. Do not go on until all students have had enough time to attempt the sentence.

13. Capitalize the first word in the sentence and the pronoun  ${\rm ``I.''}$ 

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response
1	Student response shows correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence AND the pronoun "I."
0	Student response does not show correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence OR the pronoun "I." Students who write in all capital letters do not get credit for correct capitalization.

14. Demonstrate command of end punctuation.

Points	Student Response				
1	Student response correctly ends the sentence with a period or exclamation point.				
0	Student response does not correctly end the sentence with a period or exclamation point.				

15. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

**Scoring Guidelines** 

Points	Student Response			
1	Student response represents at least 3 short vowel sounds and 8 consonant sounds phonetically.			
0	Student response does not correctly represent at least 3 short vowel sounds AND at least 8 consonant sounds phonetically in the sentence.			

16. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

Points	Student Response				
1	Student response shows correct spelling of at least 6 of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.				
	For example, the student sentence might be written as: "Mi big dog Zip and I run in the wet mud."				
0	Student response shows correct spelling of 5 or fewer of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.				

# Activity 5: Sentence Writing (Kim)

### Questions 17 - 20

Type of Administration: Group

Estimated Time to Administer: 15 - 20 minutes

### **Materials**

• Student Booklet

Student Score Sheet

### **Notes**

- TAs will read the bold text to guide students through the administration of the items. You may repeat any information up to three times.
- Students will respond in their Student Booklets.
- After administering the assessment, collect the Student Booklets. Use the Scoring Guidelines to score each student's response and complete the Student Score Sheet.

### Getting Started

Ask students to open the Student Booklet to page 4.

Today you will be doing a writing activity in this booklet. At the bottom of some pages you will see the word "STOP." This means you should wait for directions before you go on. You may look back at your writing to check your work. When you are finished, put your pencil down.

Today you are going to do a writing activity.

In this activity, you will show what you know about words and sounds, capital letters, and punctuation by writing a sentence. Put your finger on the first line for this activity in your Student Booklet to show me you know where we are.

Monitor students to ensure that they are at the correct place.

Let's begin. You will listen to me as I say a sentence. Then you will say the sentence out loud with me. As I say the sentence the second time, you will begin writing the sentence on the line. As you write, I will repeat each word in the sentence slowly so that everyone has time to listen to the sounds and write them on their paper. It is okay if you aren't sure how to spell the word. Just listen carefully to the sounds you hear in each word and write them on your paper the best that you can. Listen to this sentence.

Kim and I fed ten ducks at the pond.

Repeat the sentence back to me.

Say the sentence with the class as they repeat it back.

Now begin writing the sentence on your paper as I repeat it back to you slowly. Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly. If at any time you need me to slow down or repeat a word, let me know.

Be sure to say each word in the sentence clearly and slowly so that students have time to write. You may repeat each word up to three times. Monitor student writing to adjust pace as needed. Do not go on until all students have had enough time to attempt the sentence.

17. Capitalize the first word in the sentence and the pronoun "I."

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Points	Student Response				
1	Student response shows correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence AND the pronoun "I."				
0	Student response does not show correct capitalization of the first word in the sentence OR the pronoun "I." Students who write in all capital letters do not get credit for correct capitalization.				

18. Demonstrate command of end punctuation.

Points	Student Response			
1	Student response correctly ends the sentence with a period or exclamation point.			
0	Student response does not correctly end the sentence with a period or exclamation point.			

19. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

**Scoring Guidelines** 

Points	Student Response			
1	Student response represents at least 3 short vowel sounds and 8 consonant sounds phonetically.			
0	Student response does not correctly represent at least 3 short vowel sounds AND at least 8 consonant sounds phonetically in the sentence.			

20. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

Points	Student Response				
1	Student response shows correct spelling of at least 5 of the words using recognizable phonetic spellings.				
	For example, the student sentence might be written as: "Cim and I fed ten duks at the pod."				
0	Student response shows correct spelling of 4 or fewer of th words using recognizable phonetic spellings.				