



## Understanding Progress Monitoring in School

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### What Is Progress Monitoring?

Progress monitoring is the way schools keep track of how well a student is doing over time. It helps determine whether a student is making growth, whether instruction is working, and whether additional support is needed.

Progress monitoring can be used in **general education**, as part of **MTSS**, or through **IEPs** for students receiving special education services.

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### What Does It Look Like?

Progress monitoring may include:

- Short skill checks given weekly or biweekly
- Charts or graphs that show growth over time
- Behavior tracking or check-in sheets
- Reading fluency or math accuracy scores

For students receiving interventions or special education services, these checks are usually targeted to a specific skill.

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### Why Does It Matter?

Progress monitoring helps schools:

- Know if a student is improving with current support
- Adjust instruction quickly when needed
- Communicate clearly with families about how things are going
- Make decisions about whether a plan or intervention is working



## What Can Parents Ask?

- Is my child’s progress being monitored?
  - How often are skill checks or data collected?
  - What tools or assessments are being used?
  - Can I see the data or chart that shows how they are doing?
  - What changes will happen if my child is not making progress?
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## What It Might Look Like at School

- A graph showing reading fluency from September to December
  - A behavior tracker showing how often a student followed directions
  - A chart showing progress toward an IEP goal for writing
  - A classroom checklist showing skills mastered in math
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## What Parents Say

- “Seeing the chart helped me understand what my child was working on.”
  - “The school adjusted the intervention because the data showed it wasn’t working.”
  - “Now I know what questions to ask instead of just hearing ‘they’re doing fine.’”
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## Important Reminder

Progress monitoring is a tool for making informed decisions. You have the right to ask for updates, see the data, and be part of the conversation about how your child is doing in school.

To learn more, visit [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org) or speak with your school team.

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