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Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) 2010-11

DIBELS: Overview

The DIBELS is a set of standardized, individually administered measures of early literacy development. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of pre-reading and early reading skills. The results are used to evaluate individual student development as well as provide grade-level feedback toward validated instructional objectives. The DIBELS is administered three times per year (fall, winter, spring) to fulfill the Reading Accuracy and Fluency Assessment for Washington State.

DIBELS: Test Details

Initial Sounds Fluency (ISF) measures phonological awareness and a child's ability to recognize and produce the initial sound in an orally presented word. (beg-Pre-School to mid-Kg)

Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) In the test, students are presented with a page of upper- and lower-case letters arranged in a random order and are asked to name as many letters as they can. (beg-Kg to beg-1st)

Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (PSF) assesses a student's ability to segment three- and four-phoneme

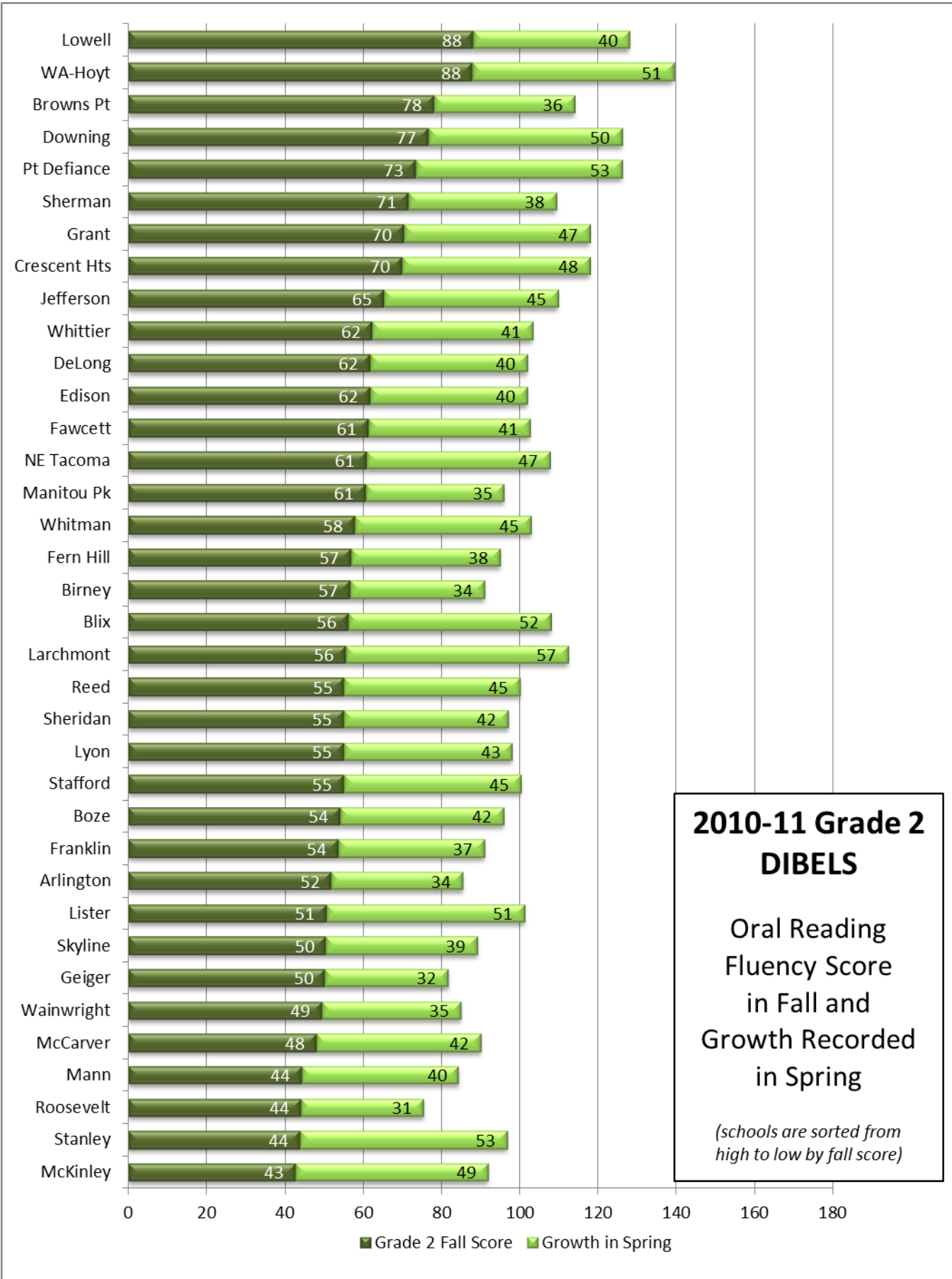
words into their individual phonemes fluently. The PSF measure has been found to be a good predictor of later reading achievement. (mid-Kg to end-1st)

Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) is an individually administered test of the alphabetic principle - including letter-sound correspondence and of the ability to blend letters into words in which letters represent their most common sounds. (mid-Kg to end-1st)

Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) is a test of accuracy and fluency with connected text. Student performance is measured by having students read a passage aloud for one minute. Words omitted, substituted and hesitations of more than three seconds are scored as errors. Words self-corrected within three seconds are scored as accurate. The number of correct words per minute from the passage is the oral reading fluency rate. (mid-1st to end-5th)

Retell Fluency (RTF) is a measure which assesses comprehension, the ability to extract meaning from text. (mid-1st to end-3rd)

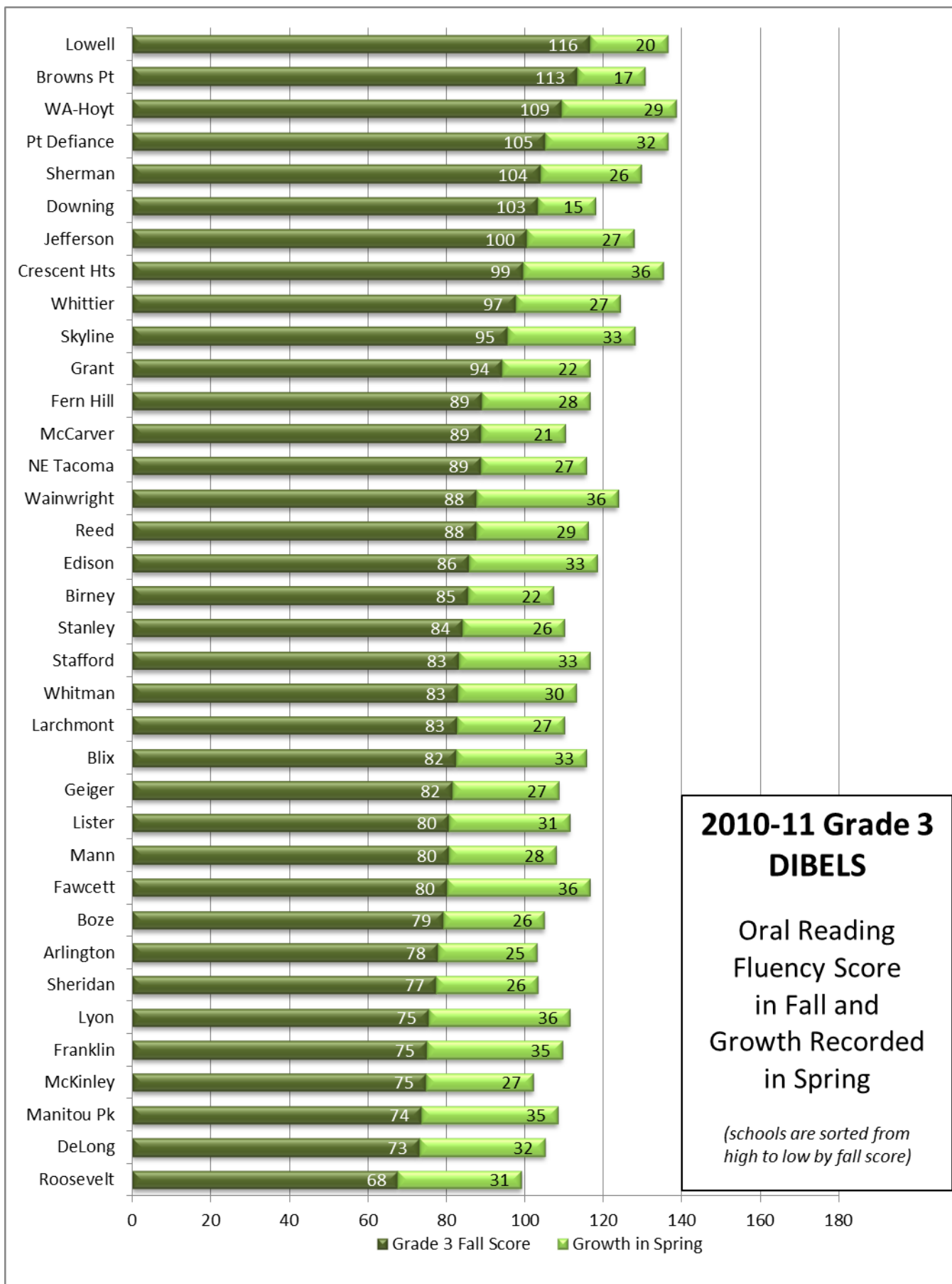
Official DIBELS homepage:
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**2010-11 Grade 2
DIBELS**

Oral Reading
Fluency Score
in Fall and
Growth Recorded
in Spring

*(schools are sorted from
high to low by fall score)*



**2010-11 Grade 3
DIBELS**

Oral Reading
Fluency Score
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