mCLASS Vendor FAQ

**Vendor Name: Amplify**

**Assessment(s) Name: mCLASS TX Edition**

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| Question | Answer |
| What grades are covered? | Kinder-5Th Literacy |
| Is there a pre/post test? | For the purposes of TIA, districts could use Pre/Post-test options 1 and 2. |
| What is mCLASS TX Edition? | mCLASS TX Edition is a literacy assessment system that offers a teacher-administered assessment with computer scoring and reporting as well as related instructional recommendations and tools tied to the data. This tool provides efficient one-minute DIBELS 8th Edition® and Lectura (Spanish) measures, with additional measures that fulfill statutory language and literacy requirements, including Dyslexia Screening.  mCLASS Texas Edition can be used for universal screening; it not only provides educators with the data they need to inform instruction, but it also allows educators to quickly identify students who might be at risk of experiencing reading difficulty and to implement instructional activities driven by the data. |
| What was mCLASS TX Edition designed to do? | mCLASS was designed and validated as a universal literacy screener, dyslexia screener, and progress monitoring tool.  Benchmark assessments are given three times per year and progress monitoring measures can be administered throughout the year. Zones of Growth provides educators with an easy, empirically based way to set individualized student literacy goals and evaluate students’ progress towards those goals.  Because children are episodic learners and may not always display their breadth or depth of knowledge within a literacy screening, we highly recommend educators follow best practices for data collection to determine student growth measures. This includes, but is not limited to, collecting student data through a variety of modalities such as classroom observations, work samples, portfolios, family input, and more. mCLASS is best used in conjunction with these data points to develop a clear understanding of each child’s literacy development. |
| How can I use mCLASS TX Edition? | mCLASS TX Edition is best used as a tool to drive instruction – meaning educators use the data from assessments included (DIBELS 8th Edition® and Lectura) to plan and adjust instruction. mCLASS TX Edition measures letter knowledge, phonological awareness, letter sound-symbol recognition, decoding skills, reading rate, accuracy, and comprehension. Educators may also use this data to inform how they can support learning at home. The subtests available on DIBELS 8 suffice to provide educators with the data they need to make informed decisions. [View the mCLASS TX TEKS Alignment](https://amplify.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/mCLASS-TX_TEKSAlignment_031121.pdf). |
| Does mCLASS TX Edition provide expected growth targets for students? | Yes, mCLASS TX Edition includes Zones of Growth which allows teachers to individually evaluate student growth by comparing individual growth to that of a similar cohort of national students. Zones of Growth are located on the classroom summary page and are used by educators to see what type of growth students need to achieve by the next benchmark period to be on track to reach the end-of-year goal. In addition, DIBELS 8th Edition® composite scores can be converted into Lexile scores. |
| How can districts use mCLASS TX Edition to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA? | At the end of the year Zones of Growth will label students' growth in one of the 5 following categories:   * well below average * below average * average * above average * well above average   Districts can determine what types of growth they would like to see for the majority of their students and set targets for the end of the year (e.g., XX percentage of students should be making above average or well above average growth).  For the purposes of TIA, districts could use option 1 with a 3rd party pre-test, 3rd party growth targets, and 3rd party post-test or option 2 with 3rd party pre-test, district set growth targets and a 3rd party post-test. |
| What types of data reporting capabilities are included with mCLASS TX Edition? | mCLASS TX Edition gives educators detailed insight into students’ reading development across foundational literacy skills. Reporting information includes:   * Skill-based reporting view for each student * Class summary reports * School and district level reports * mCLASS instruction supporting small group instruction aligned to student needs * [mCLASS reporting guide](https://amplify.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/mCLASS_ReportingGuide_01_22-1.pdf) * Parent and guardian reports |

For more information on this resource please refer to the vendor website and reach out to a representative.

Vendor Website: <https://amplify.com/programs/mclass/>

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