

Forefront Education Vendor FAQ

Vendor Name: Forefront Education

Product Name: Universal Screeners for Number Sense (USNS)

Question	Answers
<p>What grades are covered?</p>	<p>Kinder-6th Math</p>
<p>Is there a pre/post-test?</p>	<p>Yes, the assessments of the Universal Screeners for Number Sense can be used as pre-test/post-tests.</p>
<p>What is Universal Screeners for Number Sense (USNS)?</p>	<p>The Universal Screeners for Number Sense are a series of interview-based numeracy assessments. Fundamental skills of mathematics are the explicit focus of the entire series including: verbal counting, reading and writing numerals, basic concepts of and fluency with basic arithmetic, and problem solving. There are three assessments for each grade level. Forefront® is the software platform for collecting, organizing, and visualizing these, and other assessment results.</p>
<p>What was Universal Screeners for Number Sense designed to do?</p>	<p>The Universal Screeners for Number Sense were first developed by a group of educators in Colorado. Expert practitioners interested in applying the principles of RTI best practices. (Institute for Educational Sciences, 2009 https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/WWC/PracticeGuide/2)</p> <p>The USNS help general education teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify students at risk of struggling with grade level content • Identify specific fundamental skills for targeted instruction and strategic grouping • Understand the assets children bring to the mathematics classroom and starting points for instruction. • Inform family communications • Data from the screeners is collected and visualized using Forefront® is used to: • Inform collaborative efforts (MTSS, RtI, DDI, etc.) • Monitor tier 1 growth and performance • Inform coaching and other professional learning efforts • Help identify and track progress of cohorts of students identified as at risk • Forefront® by Forefront Education is the platform customized for the collection of USNS results.

<p>How can I use Universal Screeners for Number Sense?</p>	<p>The USNS assessments are used to help districts put an explicit focus on ensuring that every student is provided with instruction to support them in acquiring the most fundamental skills and concepts of mathematics that enable students to engage with the instruction and instructional materials.</p> <p>Teachers use the assessments to learn about their students. Tasks target a core set of discrete skills e.g. verbal counting, numeral ID, comparisons, etc., and conceptual understandings like place value and multiplicative relationships. The assessments help teachers see beyond correct and incorrect answers to recognize strategies and reasoning.</p> <p>Forefront supports leaders in a variety of roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional coaches use the data from the assessments to guide coaching conversations, lead collaborative meetings, support lesson planning, and monitor progress. • MTSS/Rti Coordinators use the data to inform decision making, planning, and goal setting. Using Forefront’s Global Cohort leaders compare student performance relative to national peers. • Principals and administrators use USNS Forefront to identify concentrations of urgency, monitor implementation fidelity, and inform parent communication. • District level leaders use the information to identify trends across cohorts of students over time.
<p>Does Universal Screeners for Number Sense provide expected growth targets for students?</p>	<p>No, Forefront does not provide expected growth targets for the Universal Screeners for Number Sense.</p>
<p>How can districts use Universal Screeners for Number Sense to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA?</p>	<p>Districts can determine growth by comparing the results of the beginning of the year assessment with the end of the year assessment. Districts decide on growth targets for each student using available data.</p>
<p>What types of data reporting capabilities are included with Universal Screeners for Number Sense?</p>	<p>Forefront enables districts to visualize assessment. Visualize performance and growth by item, assessment, and standards. Assessment results can be aggregated, disaggregated, and parsed in many ways depending on the needs of the user.</p>

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