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### What is Screening?

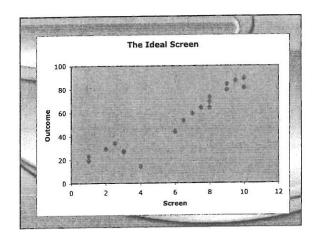
- First step to identify those at risk for learning difficulties
- Quick, low-cost, repeatable testing of age-appropriate critical skills and behaviors
- Answers the question: should we consider the student as at-risk?

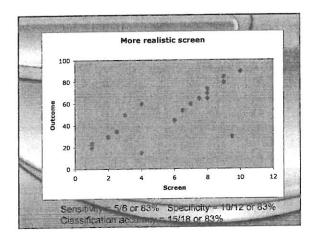
# Critical features

- Accuracy
- Efficiency
- · Positive consequences

#### Accuracy

- True positives, true negatives, false positives, false negatives
- Sensitivity TP/(TP + FN)
- Specificity TN/(TN + FP)
- Classification accuracy % correctly identified -
  - (TP + TN)/(TP + TN + FP + FN)





#### Efficiency

- Brief
- · Easy to implement reliably
- Trade-off in accuracy vs. efficiency
  - -Subsequent progress monitoring
  - Multiple-gate screen (if initial screen indicates at-risk, more in depth assessment can be done to confirm)

#### Positive Consequence

- An accurate screen should direct at-risk students to appropriate intervention
- The screening measure should not become a benchmark or de facto curriculum blueprint
- Decision rules and cut scores require local scrutiny, periodic adjustment, and possible adjustment depending on subgroup status (e.g. ELL, FRL)

## Common Screening Instruments

- DIBELS
- Texas Primary Reading Inventory
- · AIMSWEB ORF, Writing, Math
- · What about secondary?

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## Screening at secondary

- · What are we trying to predict?
- What tools and/or existing information do we have about students?
- Who is responsible for collecting, analyzing and interpreting screening data?
- How do we share screening mation?

## Standards for Judging High-Quality Screening

- · Schoolwide, 3x's per year
- Documented reliability and predictive validity
- · Involved staff are trained
- · Data are documented and analyzed
- Cut scores are reviewed and adjusted
   Rationale is provided for cut scores and decision rules

## Cheyenne Mountain Jr High

- Year One: Reading levels targeted
- Year Two: Expanded screen to include all content areas, behavior and attendance
- · Counselors responsible for fall screening
- Year Three: Developing a system to screen incoming 7th graders from 6 feeder schools (trying to develop district oldafive)

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