

Kicking the Year Off with a Great Start!

A handout to support and guide METS/staff planning (2025-26)



Basic Oral Language Screening Tool (BOLST)

- [BOLST training materials and administration guidance](#)
- Instructional activities to support students' learning: [Simply Speaking](#).
- Questions/Support: Emily Callaghan or Liz Bliss



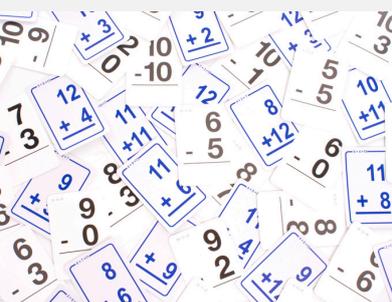
easyCBM Passage Reading Fluency (PRF)

- [PRF training materials and administration guidance](#)
- Video note: The PRF content continues until the 59-minute mark.
- Directors have access to download the 2025-26 versions of the PRF student form, assessor form, and answer key for each grade level, [via ShareFile](#) for their METS.
- Instructional activities to support students' learning: [ELA Resource Library](#).
- Questions/Support: Liz Bliss or Lisa Rivera



Quick Phonics Screener (QPS)

- Watch the [QPS Introduction](#)
- Then watch the easyCBM PRF (see row above):
At 59 minutes, the QPS discussion begins.
- Questions/Support: Liz Bliss or Laura Burnett



easyCBM Proficient Math (Prof Mth)

- [Prof Mth training materials and administration guidance](#)
- Video note: The Prof Mth content continues until the 23-minute mark.
- Directors have access to download the 2025-26 versions of the student form, assessor form, and answer key for each grade level, [via ShareFile](#) for their METS.
- Questions/Support: Liz Bliss or Lisa Rivera



Early Childhood Academic (ECA) Tool

- [ECA training materials and administration guidance](#)
- Instructional activities to support students' learning: [Early Childhood Sample Lessons](#)
- Questions/Support: Mary Anne Diaz

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NYS-MEP Assessments: Important Reminders

If you haven't administered the assessments before, it's important that you learn how. Use the resources in this handout and coordinate with your director. Keep in mind that the ECA and BOLST have changes for 2025-26. Please note:

- The easyCBM fall benchmark window is 08/7/25-10/24/25.
- ECA & BOLST: As instruction starts in the fall, early on, administer the pre-tests to collect baseline data.

Directors: Schedule individual or group PD for easyCBM (Reading & Math) and the QPS, ECA, and BOLST.

All METS Staff: Mandatory Training per Program Year



Mandated Reporter Training

One training option METS can use:

<https://www.nysmandatedreporter.org/>

- METS document attendance locally
- Questions/Support: Liz Bliss



DASA Training

One training option METS can use:

<https://www.nysmigrant.org/events/DASA-2024>

- METS document attendance locally
- Questions/Support: Liz Bliss



Annual Data Security and MSIX Training

One training option METS can use:

<https://www.nysmigrant.org/events/annual-data-security-and-MSIX-training-2025>

- METS document attendance locally
- Questions/Support: Rob Hillman or Odilia Coffta

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Additional PD Requirements and Opportunities

- Below are the statewide PD sessions with attendance requirements for September 1–December 1, 2025.
- Directors and educators should coordinate plans and record attendance locally. **Some sessions will have a recording available.*
- [Additional PD opportunities](#) are available to all MEP staff who are interested. Announcements are shared throughout the year to keep you informed.

Sep 11 [Administering the BOLST: Q&A](#)
Required for educators who have OSY in their caseload

Sep 16* [NYS-MEP Required Student Data: Come Learn What We Need to Enter in Web App](#)
Required for directors, educators, and data specialists

Oct 1 [NYS-MEP Annual Kickoff Event](#)
Required for ALL STAFF

Oct 28* [Diploma Requirements and Graduation Pathways](#)
Required for directors and educators who have HS students in their caseload

Nov 7* [Annual Data Security/MSIX/MIS2000](#)
Required for ALL STAFF

Periodic [New Employee Website Tour](#)
Required for NEW EMPLOYEES

Support and Learning Communities (SLC)

Early Childhood

Participants select the time that works best for them each month

- Aug 15 (9-10am) or Aug 22 (9-10am)
- Sep 22 (3-4pm) or Sep 26 (9-10am)
- Oct 23 (3-4pm) or Oct 24 (3-4pm)
- Nov 24 (9-10am) or Nov 24 (3-4pm)
- December: No meeting
- Jan 8, 2026 (3-4pm) or Jan 9, 2026 (9-10am)
- Feb 2026-Aug 2026 : TBD

Facilitator: Mary Anne Diaz

Adolescent

- Sep 11 (1-2:30pm)
- Oct 9 (9-10:30am)
- Nov 13 (1-2:30pm)
- Dec 9 (9-10:30am)
- Jan 15, 2026 (9-10:30am)
- Feb 2026-Aug 2026 : TBD

Facilitator: Liz Bliss

OSY

- Feb 10 (9-10:30am)
- Mar 12 (3-4:30pm)
- Apr 14 (9-10:30am)
- May 7 (3-4:30pm)

Facilitator: Emily Callaghan

