

# Highland Elementary

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## DIBELS

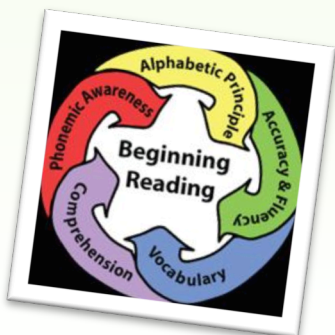
The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills.

DIBELS are comprised of seven measures to function as indicators of phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy and fluency with connected text, reading comprehension, and vocabulary.

The State of Utah uses DIBELS to track reading proficiency in the younger grades.

### 2015-16 DIBELS Benchmark Results

First Grade - 84%  
 Second Grade - 84%  
 Third Grade - 86%



## State Land Trust Grant

**School Goal:** The percent of first through third grade students reaching benchmark on the DIBELS assessment will be 90 percent or above at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Additionally, we'll provide STEM opportunities for students through teacher development, purchase of hands on materials, and professional services.

### Action Plan Steps and Expenditures

1. We will continue employing remediation para-educators to provide students with Tier 2 interventions.
2. Purchase guided reading library leveled books as well as non-fiction text.
3. Teachers will attend language arts and STEM professional development.
4. Purchase STEM hands on materials and equipment.
5. Increase student access to Tier 1 instructions by upgrading audio enhancement classroom sound systems.
6. Research and purchase iPad apps that support improving student reading achievement.

## Music at Highland

Music is a significant part of human history. Highland Elementary sponsors three school music programs, band, chimes, and strings. Andrea Morley is the band and strings director and Paige Erickson directs the chimes program. The students perform a Christmas and Spring Concert for peers and family. We celebrate the talents and work ethic of our music students.



## Storytelling

Highland Elementary participated in the Utah State Office of Educations POPS program. Teachers participated in a workshop with Donald Davis in helping students develop their own 5-minute story.

Donald Davis is considered one of the foremost storytellers in the nation. He has performed on some of America’s most prestigious stages including at the Smithsonian, National Storytelling Festival, and World’s Fair. Donald has also appeared on PBS, NPR, CNN, and ABC. An award-winning artist, Donald has recorded over thirty albums and written eighteen books.



## How Are We Doing?

SAGE (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence) is Utah’s computer adaptive assessment system aligned to the state’s core standards and tracks student proficiency.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lang. Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>
2013-14	74%	72%	72%
2014-15	72%	73%	71%
2015-16	69%	71%	71%



## School Community Council

Highland Elementary School has a community council that works collaboratively to develop plans to aid all students in reaching their potential.

The Highland Elementary School Community council members are: Jaime Ward, Hyeyoung Thompson, Catherine Pavia, Jaci Olsen, Lynne Mower, Keith Johnson, John Guymon, Brittney Bills, Mae Wykstra, Fenja Heinrich, and Reed Hodson.

