



## October 2021



### October News

- See below for recommended fall assessment windows for PALS in preschool in kindergarten. Click [here](#) for the full 2021-22 PALS Assessment Calendar.
- If you have student records still marked as “NSR” (Nonstandard Remote Administration) from last year and need information about what this means or how to change it, [visit this page for more information](#).
- Teachers who have already given the fall assessment:
  - It’s time to look at the fall data for students in your class and make decisions about what literacy skill areas need the most attention this year!
  - Explore your “Instructional Resources” tile in your PALS Online account for support documents that provide guidance for understanding PALS data.
- Students in K-8 who have an “ID” icon next to their names should be referred for literacy intervention instruction. Examine reports closely to determine which specific literacy skills may need to be targeted.
- Keep an eye out for low reading rates at instructional oral reading level! Spelling data may be the key to finding out what specific knowledge is missing that might be hindering reading rate.

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## Upcoming Dates

- **6 weeks after the first day of school**  
Beginning of recommended fall assessment window for PALS-PreK, PALS español K, and PALS-K administration
- **Tuesday, October 19, 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. EDT**  
[Premier webinar] [Addressing Learning Loss with PALS Quick Checks](#)

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## Reminders and Tips

- **Logging in to the PALS Online System for the first time?** Find support for accessing your account [here](#).
- **Wondering which materials you should have received?** You can find a full explanation of what's included in your district's order [here](#). Here is what you will receive with your shipment:
  - PALS-PreK: Name Writing Sheet
  - PALS-K and PALS español K: Student Booklet, K Spelling Sheet
  - PALS Plus (grades 1-8) and PALS español 1-3: Spelling Sheet
  - *Districts new to PALS:* One reusable Teacher Set binder for each teacher who administers PALS
- **Do you know who your PALS District Representative is?** Each PALS customer, whether a school or a school district, has one person designated to be your representative to PALS. That person may ensure that your online account is set-up and operating well, disseminate information to all PALS users within a district, and set policies for your district. If you would like to know who that person is, please email us at [support@palshelp.com](mailto:support@palshelp.com).
- Find out about your options and support for **adding, updating, or moving student records** in the PALS Online System on our [Managing Student Records page](#).
- Look for **Tutorials** in the left-hand sidebar in your online account if you are in need of a refresher on how to administer PALS.
- **This is our busiest season of the year!** If you need to reach our PALS team for any reason, your best bet is by email at [support@palshelp.com](mailto:support@palshelp.com). *Please remember*

*to include in your email: your name, your role, the name of your district, and a detailed description of your question or needs.*

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