

# How do we determine at what level to start a student on the AIMS probes?

For Benchmarking purposes, probes are always to be given at the student's official grade level, regardless of the student's skill level. This is necessary for the multitude of data analysis in AIMSweb® that may later be conducted by your site in addition to identifying students "at risk" for academic failure, such as for the purpose program evaluation.

For Strategic Monitoring, expected grade-level probes are used.

For Progress Monitor, either on-grade or off-grade level probes are used, with the exception of Written Expression (which is grade-level independent), depending on the goal set for the student. Students are always measured on their goal-level material at whatever grade level the goal is to be set.

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