

# Universal Screening Costs Less

## Current Referral-Based Process

**Hiring many proctors** to assess students on Saturdays or afterschool with a high-stakes test, often in an **unfamiliar location**

## Universal Screening

No new assessment needed, if district already has sufficient data on file

**Any screening administered by the classroom teacher**

Proctors only needed for small group follow-up assessments

## Case Study: Northshore School District (23,000 students)

- Universally screens **3 grade levels** (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>) plus all newly enrolled students
- Screener: Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT3) **in the classroom**
- Proctors give the Iowa Math & Reading in small groups when more data is needed
- Also uses **existing district data** to screen/qualify (WAKids, IRR, iReady, ELPA21, SBA)
- Prior to universal screening, Northshore's entire HiCap grant was used for fixed costs and assessment, largely because of the high number of proctors needed for Saturday testing
- Universal screening created a cost savings for Assessment of **nearly 50%**

| NSD HiCap Grant - \$742,000  |  | Line Item          | % of Total       |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assessment</b>  |  | <b>\$159,000</b>   | <b>21.4%</b>     |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>\$140K cost savings from universal screening now used for new accelerated math services</b> </div> | Riverside and Pearson (assessment contracts and software licensing)  | \$101,000          | 13.6%            |
|  | Graphics (printing and mailing costs)  | \$5,000            | 0.7%             |
|  | Supplies and materials   | \$3,000            | 0.4%             |
|  | Lead Proctors, para educators, school assistants in buildings  | \$50,000           | 6.7%             |
| <b>Teaching</b>  | Single Qualified 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Accelerated Math Program Teachers (FTE, benefits, and any overload payments) | <b>\$140,000</b>   | <b>18.9%</b>     |
| <b>Administrative Costs</b>  | Part of director plus 2 support staff, including benefits  | \$334,000          | 45%              |
| <b>Professional Development</b>  | WAETAG and other PD events   | \$20,000           | 2.7%             |
| <b>Indirects</b>   |  | \$89,000           | 12%              |
| Data courtesy of NSD, abutler@nsd.org  |  | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$742,000</b> |
|  |  |                    | <b>100%</b>      |

**Fiscally responsible, and more equitable:** Northshore's universal screening identified **11x more** historically underrepresented students in 2020 than in 2016, including low-income students, English learners, and students with disabilities (IEP, 504 Plan)