

Section: I Instructional Program

Policy Code: IEBA Dyslexia Policy

Policy: DYSLEXIA SCREENING

It is the policy of this district to comply with all requirements of the dyslexia legislation provided in the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, Section 37-173-15. Therefore, this district will ensure that students will receive dyslexia screening in the spring of kindergarten and the fall of Grade 1.

The component of the screening must include

1. Phonological awareness and phonemic awareness,
2. Sound symbol recognition,
3. Alphabet knowledge,
4. Decoding skills,
5. Encoding skills, and
6. Rapid naming.

If a student fails the screener, the parent or legal guardian will be notified of the results of the screener. If a parent or legal guardian of a student who fails the dyslexia screener exercises the option to have a subsequent evaluation performed at his/her expense, evaluations shall be administered by licensed professionals, including: psychologists, licensed under Chapter 31, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972; psychometrists licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education; or speech language pathologists, licensed under Chapter

38, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972. The resulting diagnosis of the subsequent evaluation shall be accepted by the school district for purposes of determining eligibility for placement within a dyslexia therapy program.

If a student fails the screener, the parent or legal guardian, in its discretion, has the right to seek a comprehensive dyslexia evaluation at his/her cost; such evaluation must be administered by any of the licensed professionals identified under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

LEGAL REF.: MS CODE as cited

Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards

Mississippi State Board of Education Policy

Exhibits:

Regulations:

References:

37-173-15 - [Dyslexia Screening](#)