

Section: I Instructional Program

Policy Code: IEBA Dyslexia Policy

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DYSLEXIA SCREENING

It is the policy of Pearl Public School District to comply with all requirements of the dyslexia screening and therapy required by law and the Mississippi Department of Education.

Therefore, this district will ensure that students will receive dyslexia screening by a screener approved by the State Board of Education 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 student fails the screener, the parent or legal guardian, in his/her discretion, has the right to seek a comprehensive dyslexia evaluation at his/her cost. 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, psychometrists, or speech language pathologists in accordance with law and the Mississippi Department of Education where applicable.

The resulting diagnosis of the subsequent evaluation shall be accepted by the school district for the purposes of determining eligibility for placement within a dyslexia therapy program or to receive a Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for placement in a dyslexia program in another public school or nonpublic school. Dyslexia Scholarships are available for students in grades 1 through 12 who have been properly screened and diagnosed with dyslexia.

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to support this policy.

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