

**District:** Tupelo Public School District  
**Section:** I - Instructional Program  
**Policy Code:** IEB - Speech - Language Screening

**Policy:**  
**BOARD POLICY**

The District will evaluate students for articulation, language, voice, and fluency disorders before the end of Grade 1.

1. If a student fails the screener, the parent or legal guardian will be notified of the results of the screener, and the District may, in its discretion, perform a comprehensive speech-language evaluation.
  
2. If a parent/guardian of a student who fails the speech-language screener exercises the option to have a subsequent evaluation performed, such evaluation shall be administered by a speech-language pathologist. The subsequent evaluation obtained by the parents shall be considered by the District for eligibility in the area of speech-language in accordance with the procedures mandated by federal law for a placement in a speech-language program within the current school or to apply for a Mississippi speech-language therapy scholarship for placement in a speech-language program in a nonpublic special purpose school.
  
3. A parent/guardian may provide written notification to the District opting out of the mandatory screening provided by the District.
  
4. The Board authorizes the superintendent to adopt administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

**Definitions**

**Speech-language impairment:** A communication disorder, such as stuttering, impaired articulation, a language impairment or a voice impairment, that adversely affects a child's educational performance, including articulation disorders, fluency disorders, resonance or voice disorders, receptive language disorders and expressive language disorders.

**Speech-language pathologist:** A specialist who has met the requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or who has completed training in a department approved American Speech-Language-Hearing Association based speech-language pathology training program attaining an AA license in speech-language pathology.

**Exhibits:**

**Regulations:**

**Adopted Date:**

**Approved/Revised Date:**