

District: Tupelo Public School District

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. Subsequent dyslexia evaluations may 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.

If a student fails the screener, the school district, in its discretion, may perform a comprehensive dyslexia evaluation; such evaluation must be administered by any of the licensed professionals identified under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

If a parent or legal guardian of a student who fails the dyslexia screener exercises the option to have a subsequent evaluation performed, such evaluation shall be administered by any of the licensed professionals identified above. 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 within the current school or to receive a Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for placement in a dyslexia program in another public school or nonpublic special purpose school.

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

Legal Reference: House Bill 1031 (2012)

Exhibits:

Regulations:

Adopted Date: 8/30/2012

Approved/Revised Date: