

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the Jackson County School District will comply with all requirements of the dyslexia legislation provided in the Mississippi Code (House Bill 1031, 2012). Therefore, this district will ensure that students will receive dyslexia screening in the spring of kindergarten and the fall of Grade 1.

As required by law, the component of the screening will include:

1. Phonological awareness and phonemic awareness;
2. Sound symbol recognition
3. Alphabet knowledge
4. Decoding skills
5. Encoding skills
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 licensed under Chapter 38, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972 or Speech Language Pathologists, licensed under 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 in previous paragraph.

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 in grades K-6 or to receive a Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship from the state of Mississippi for placement in a dyslexia program in another public school or nonpublic special purpose school. Each student will have a dyslexia plan.

Legal Reference: House Bill 1031 (2012)

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