

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
August 21, 2025

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, INTERVENTION SERVICES

C. Approval of dyslexia screeners for use in kindergarten and first grade

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-173-15(1)(a), each local school district shall adopt a policy to ensure that students will be screened by a dyslexia screener approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in the spring of Kindergarten and the fall of Grade 1.

A request for qualifications was released, and proposed screeners were reviewed by a panel with expertise in reading and dyslexia therapy. Screeners that met all required components of the law and the minimum cut score of 85 were recommended for approval for inclusion on the Mississippi Department of Education Approved List of Dyslexia Screeners.

Approved screeners must provide an overall pass/fail score for each student screened and a pass/fail criteria for each of the following components [Miss. Code Ann. §37-173-15(1)(a)]:

- Phonological awareness and phonemic awareness;
- Sound symbol recognition;
- Alphabet knowledge;
- Decoding skills;
- Encoding skill; and
- Rapid naming.

All costs of screeners will continue to be covered by local districts and/or schools.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Department of Education
Approved List of Dyslexia Screeners
For Use in Kindergarten and First Grade
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Screeners Name	Cost
AMIRA Learning	\$4.75 per year per student (additional cost for training/professional development)
Curriculum Associates – <i>i-Ready</i>	\$8.00 per student per year (additional cost for training/professional development)
Imagine Learning	\$6.00 per year per student (additional cost for training/professional development)
Lexercise	\$0.00 per year per student (guidance document for use at no cost)
Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Association Screener (in collaboration with William Carey University)	One time \$35 per Blackline Master Copy reproducible by school district (training fees cost of travel and lodging or zero cost virtual training)
Mississippi College Dyslexia Screener	One time \$35 per Blackline Master Copy reproducible by school district (administration guidance embedded in the screener)
Renaissance FastBridge	\$10.98 per student annual subscription (additional cost for training/professional development)
Renaissance Star CBM Reading	\$4.48 per student annual subscription (additional cost for training/professional development)