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### **DYSLEXIA SCREENING**

It is the policy of the Jackson Public School District (“District”) to comply with all requirements of the dyslexia legislation provided in the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, Section 37-173-15.

#### **I. Procedures for Assessing Students for Dyslexia**

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 37-173-15, the Jackson Public School District will administer a dyslexia screening instrument to each student in grades Kindergarten and 1. Students shall be screened in the spring of Kindergarten and the fall of Grade 1. Students will be assessed for dyslexia using an appropriate test and assessment measures by a trained professional in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Mississippi Code.

#### **II. Identification of Student**

If, on the basis of the screening instrument results, a student is determined to need further evaluation, the student’s parent/guardian will be notified. The District, in its discretion, may perform subsequent dyslexia evaluations 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.

#### **III. Subsequent Evaluation**

If a parent of 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 District for purpose of developing interventions and strategies to address the needs of those students diagnosed with dyslexia which provide the necessary accommodations to enable the student to achieve appropriate educational progress. The interventions and strategies developed can include, but are not limited to, the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Section 504 to address those needs.

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

**SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, MS**

**LEGAL REFERENCE: Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972 Annotated  
Section 37-173-15**

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