

Hot Topics

Speech-Language Webinar Series

March 24, 2020



VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

State Board of Education Goals

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020

1

All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas



2

Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career



3

Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program



4

Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders



5

Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes



6

Every School and District is Rated "C" or Higher



What's New?

State Education Advocacy Leaders (SEAL)

- Appointed by ASHA-recognized state speech-language-hearing associations to advocate on education issues.
- The mission of the SEALs network is to enhance and perpetuate the advocacy, leadership, and clinical management skills of school-based ASHA members at the state and local levels to influence administrative and public policy decisions that affect the delivery of speech-language pathology and audiology services in school settings.

State Education Advocacy Leader (SEAL)

- The MSHA SEAL is Melanie Clyatt
- 2019 MSHA SLP of the Year
- Works in Clinton School District
- mclyatt@clintonpublicschools.com
- The quarterly SEAL newsletter can be accessed at:
<https://www.mshausa.org/advocacy/>



New MSHA Logo



Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association
www.mshausa.org
800.664.6742

Hearing Aid Legislation

- There is currently no mandate in the state of Mississippi for insurance companies to cover hearing aids for children.
- The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, as well as the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program in Mississippi, recommend intervention by 6 months of age for children diagnosed with hearing loss. <https://www.mshausa.org/child-hearing-aid-coverage/>
- If you have any questions, please email Dr. Ashley Grillis (vp.audiology@mshausa.org) or Dr. Courtney Turner (vp.marketing@mshausa.org).

Hot Topics

MSHA Annual Conference

- The April 6-8 on-site conference has been cancelled.
- The date of a virtual conference is TBD.
- You must still register if you have not already.
- The cost will be the same and will cover speakers and possible live event later.
- Registration is open on MSHA's website: <https://www.mshausa.org/>.

MSHA Call for Papers

- MSHA call for papers is still open.
- Follow the link below to submit a proposal:

<https://www.mshausa.org/conference/call-for-papers/>

Will the agenda be the same as the face-to-face conference?

- Finalizing presenter participation and collecting presentation content will take some additional time.
- Registrants will be notified when content is available for viewing and provide specifics on how to participate.

Will I still be able to earn ASHA CEUs by attending the virtual conference?

- Yes. The conference committee is committed to providing the same opportunity to earn ASHA CEUs.

MSHA Annual Conference FAQs

How will conference cancellation requests be handled by MSHA?

- If you are currently registered, your registration will automatically transfer to the online conference. No need to cancel!
- All requests for attendee registration cancellations should be sent via email to Keith Magnon at admin@mshausa.org. **You must cancel by March 29 to receive a full refund.**

MSHA Annual Conference FAQs

- Income from conference fees pays for services valued by our members such as securing a lobbyist to monitor and advocate for legislative issues impacting professionals and our clients (like the \$6000 salary supplement for SLPs in schools); our MSHA website which stays updated with professional resources and job postings; and our status as an ASHA CE provider.

COVID-19 Guidance

School Closure Update

- All Mississippi schools are closed per Gov. Reeves until at least April 17, 2020.
- Students with disabilities must be afforded ***the same opportunities*** as their general education peers.



MDE Guidance

- FAQ addressing IEPs, timelines and service provision:

<https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19#Special%20Education>

Remember

Document all
the things!



Teletherapy Considerations

- HIPAA/FERPA security
- ASHA has an entire web page devoted to COVID-19 and teletherapy. Go to www.asha.org and click on the red “Teletherapy” button.
- Additional guidelines will be posted at www.mshausa.org later this week.

MDE Licensure Guidelines

- Updated version, February 2020
- <https://mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/K12>
- Page 6 of the Licensure Guidelines states that CEU credit must be a minimum of .5 to count for renewal. Courses must also be provided by an accredited university.

One-Year Licensure Renewal Extension

- Effective with licensure renewal applications received March 23, 2020 and thereafter, a one-year extension will be granted to those educators holding a standard Mississippi educator license that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020 only.
- This only applies to standard Mississippi educator licenses that are scheduled to expire June 30, 2020, and includes standard Mississippi licenses held by teachers, administrators, and instructional support personnel.

Resources

COVID-19 Guidance

- <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>
- <https://www.asha.org/Advocacy/Considerations-Regarding-COVID-19-for-Schools-and-Students-with-Disabilities/>
- <http://seacdc.org/resources.html>

MSHA/MDE Collaborative Webinars

- <https://www.mdek12.org/OSE/Special-Education-Training/Webinars>
 - October, 2019 – Goal-Writing for Related Service Providers
 - March, 2020 – Hot Topics/COVID-19 Updates
 - Send topic requests to tlaney@mdek12.org or vp.schools@mshausa.org



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