

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**September 20, 2018**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

D. 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 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, dyslexia therapy, and speech-language pathology. Screeners that met all required components of the law were approved for inclusion on the Mississippi Department of Education Approved List of Dyslexia Screeners.

Approved screeners must provide overall pass/fail score for each student screened and pass/fail criteria for each of the following components:

- 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  
September 20, 2018**

<b> Screener Name</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Amplify	\$14.90 per student (additional cost for training/professional development)
Mississippi College Dyslexia Screener	\$25.00 per district (reproducible)

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**Mississippi Department of Education  
Previously Adopted Dyslexia Screeners Approved  
For Use in Kindergarten and First Grade**

<b> Screener Name</b>	<b>Cost</b>
William Carey University, Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Association Dyslexia Screener for Kindergarten and First Grade	\$35.00 per school (reproducible)
Lexercise, Mississippi Dyslexia Screener	Free/online