Dyslexia Program Evaluation: The LEA Experience
October 29, 2020
Our goal is to further support LEAs in ensuring students with dyslexia and related disorders are provided appropriate services and supports mandated by state and federal laws.”
Agenda

- Dyslexia Framework Overview
- Dyslexia Program Evaluation
- Monitoring Timelines and Resources
Learning Outcomes

Participants will

✓ Know what to expect during dyslexia monitoring
✓ Understand what happens during the dyslexia monitoring process
✓ Feel confident in engaging in the dyslexia monitoring activities
Dyslexia Monitoring Framework
Dyslexia Monitoring Purpose and Framework

- TAC §74.28
- (HB) 1886 – amended
- TEC §38.003
- TEC §28.006
- TEC §28.006(e)
- TEC §28.006(g)

Early Interventions & Identification

- TAC §74.28
- SB 2075

Program of Instruction

- TAC §74.28
- SB 2075

Parent Notifications

- SB 2075
- TAC §74.28
- TEC §28.006
Dyslexia Monitoring Program Evaluation
Dyslexia Monitoring Process: Program Elements

1. Evaluation and Identification
2. Parent Communication
3. Reading Instruments
4. Instruction
5. Professional Development and Training
Evaluation and Identification

1. Evaluation and Identification

- Section 504
- Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA)
Dyslexia Monitoring: Evaluation and Identification

Does the LEA provide timely identification and evaluation?

- Dyslexia Procedures
- Parent Notifications
- Staff Training Records
Dyslexia Monitoring: Communication

The LEA must:

- Notify parents/guardians of proposal to evaluate students for dyslexia
- Inform parents/guardians of their rights
- Obtain parent or guardian permission to evaluate
- Provide an evaluation report
- Provide eligibility, services provided, and placement decisions
Dyslexia Monitoring: Reading Instruments

The Dyslexia Monitoring Team will review the following items:

- **Name and results** of the reading instruments administered
- **Components** of the reading instruments (diagnose reading development and comprehension)
Dyslexia Monitoring: Instruction

Standard protocol dyslexia instruction must include:

- Phonological awareness
- Sound-symbol association
- Syllabication
- Orthography
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Reading Comprehension
- Reading Fluency
- Individual Education Program*

*Monitoring of IEPs occurs simultaneously during DMS
The Dyslexia Monitoring Team will review:

**Teaching certifications** of Kindergarten & 1st grade teachers

**Training roster** for teachers administering dyslexia screening instruments

**Professional development record** of teacher(s) of the dyslexia program
Implementation of Program Elements

- Initiating Dyslexia Program Evaluation
- Dyslexia Program Evaluation Review
- On-Site Interview*
- Dyslexia Program Evaluation Summary

*Virtual in 2020-2021; same process as DMS
How program elements will be monitored

**Initiating Dyslexia Program Evaluation**

**TEA will...**
- Notify LEA to *initiate* dyslexia monitoring process.
- Conduct *initial conference*
- Conduct *interviews* to obtain a holistic overview of the implementation of the dyslexia program within the LEA

6 weeks prior

3 weeks prior

**LEA will...**
- Provide *dyslexia contact and a preferred date* and time for the initial conference
- Participate in the *initial conference* with assigned Dyslexia Specialist

3 weeks prior

*Dyslexia pre-conference will be combined with DMS pre-conference when possible
Dyslexia Monitoring Initial Conference Agenda

- Introductions
- Dyslexia Monitoring Process Overview
- Meeting Closure
Dyslexia Program Evaluation Review

**LEA will...**
- Submit dyslexia procedures
- Gather supplemental documents
- Engage in conferencing and monitoring activities

**TEA will...**
- Review procedures and supplemental documents
- Analyze K-1 Dyslexia Screeners
- Engage in communications and offer feedback to the LEA
# Artifacts of implementation

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<td>Dyslexia Procedures</td>
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| Screening               | • Name of the K-1 screener administered, include date(s) administered.  
                           • Results of the K-1 screeners, to include the total number of students screened versus total number of students found at risk.  
                           • Copy of notification provided to the parent regarding screening, to include notification of audiobook resource. (ex. LEA template) |
| Reading Instrument      | • Name of the K-2; 7th reading instrument(s) administered.  
                           • Results of the K-2; 7th reading instruments, to include total number of students versus the total number of students found at risk.  
                           • Copy of notification provided to the parent regarding reading instrument, to include notification of audiobook resource. (ex. LEA template) |
| Evaluation and Identification | • Operating procedures which addresses evaluation and identification  
                                     • Copy of notification provided to parent regarding access to the Dyslexia Handbook.  
                                     • Training record, certifications or licensing of the professionals who administer dyslexia evaluations |
| Instruction             | • Identify the reading program used within the dyslexia program. |
| Dysgraphia              | • Provide the procedures used to evaluate a student for dysgraphia through Section 504. |
| Professional Development| • Names as shown of teaching certificate of all kindergarten -1 teachers.  
                           • Training roster for all teachers administering a screening instrument.  
                           • Professional development record of the teacher(s) of the dyslexia program. |

LEA will submit these artifacts in Sharefile. Instructions will be provided during initial conference.
Using ShareFile

- Texas Education Agency Email Request
- Select Artifacts of Implementation to Be Uploaded
- Email Confirmation Received by the LEA
## Cycle II Group II Important Dates

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On-Site Interview*

**LEA will...**
- Identify interview staff
- Provide arrangements for the interviews

**TEA will...**
- Conduct Interviews
  - Administrators
  - General education teachers
  - Special education teachers
  - Evaluation staff
  - Other relevant staff

*Virtual in 2020-2021; same process as DMS*
Dyslexia Program Evaluation Summary

**TEA will...**
- Complete summary of dyslexia findings and notification of noncompliance (if needed)
- Distribute executive summary report to LEA dyslexia contact
- Embed dyslexia summary report into Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) Cyclical Report to be distributed to the superintendent

**LEA will...**
- Review dyslexia summary report and connect with recommended supports and technical assistance (if applicable)
- If the LEA meets compliance standards, no further action is required
- If the LEA has identified noncompliance, a correction plan should be developed

**TEA will send reports approximately 30-days after the end of the monitoring cycle.** The reports will provide:
- a summary report identifying the findings of the monitoring activities,
- identified best practices,
- growth areas,
- and a suggestion plan for technical assistance and support if needed.

**DMS Cyclical Monitoring report**

The **superintendent** will receive a cyclical report that will be embedded within the Differentiated Monitoring Support final documents.

**Executive Summary**

The **dyslexia director** will receive an executive summary report.
Cycle II Group II Report Process

Interagency Collaboration
April 2021

Summary of Findings
April 2021

Distribution of Findings to the LEA
April 30, 2021
Monitoring Outcomes and Support

Outcomes and Support

Compliance
- No further action is required, and the monitoring cycle is concluded

Corrective Action
- Dyslexia leadership team to develop a plan of action
- Evaluate progress and adjust necessary to accomplish corrective action
- TEA and LEA engage in dialogue to identify artifacts of implementation

Technical Assistance
- Provision of technical assistance and resources to support any findings
Technical Assistance

- 504 Guide
- Legal Framework (IDEA)
- Child Find Guide
- TIER Network Resources
- Inclusion Network Resources
- Dyslexia Handbook
Resolving Noncompliance

**LEA will...**
- Review areas of non-compliance and develop goals to address corrective action requirements
- Submit correction plan
- Gather artifacts of implementation to evidence corrective action
- Engage in progress monitoring conferences with dyslexia specialist

**TEA will...**
- Provide written notification of noncompliance
- Support the LEA with the development of the correction plan
- Provide recommendations to technical assistance and resources to strengthen the LEA’s dyslexia program
- Conduct conferences with the LEA to evaluate progress
- Provide written notification of correction of noncompliance

120 days
Cycle II Group II Corrective Action Timeline

- Develop Dyslexia Performance Plan (DPP)
- DPP Development Conference

May 2021

Dyslexia Performance Plan submitted via ShareFile (June 14th)

June 2021

No Activities

July 2021

Aug. 2021

Sept. 2021

Dyslexia Performance Plan Implementation Conference
Monitoring Resources & Timelines
Dyslexia Program Evaluation Outlook for Cycle 2, Group 2

- Initial Conference
- Program Evaluation Window
- Reports sent
- Technical Assistance – Throughout
- Corrective Action Starts (until Aug.)
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