

Administrative Memo

Date: February 20, 2018
To: School Administrators
From: Lisa Sireno, standards and assessment administrator
Subject: CCR-18-002 Dyslexia Guidance

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released *LEA Guidance for Serving Students at Risk for Dyslexia* to help school district and charter local education agencies (LEAs) identify and serve students at risk for dyslexia or related disorders. Recommendations from the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia, empaneled in 2017, served as the foundation for the document.

The guidance was designed to help LEAs understand and fulfill their responsibilities required by Missouri statute (Section 167.950, RSMo.) The statute identifies three primary responsibilities for LEAs:

- Conduct universal screening and early dyslexia identification, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.
- Provide reasonable classroom support for students identified with dyslexia or at risk for dyslexia, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.
- Provide two hours of in-service training for all practicing teachers regarding dyslexia and related disorders.

The guidance document and related resource materials may be found on the DESE website at this address: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/dyslexia>.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Stuckey, director, Dyslexia Specialist, at 573-522-4003 or curriculum@dese.mo.gov.