



**Will my child get screened for signs of dyslexia?**

All Kindergarten students will be screened for dyslexia each year *\*Kindergarten students are required to be screened after January 1st.* Families can request a dyslexia screening for students in grades 1-6.

**What happens if my child shows warning signs of dyslexia on the screener?**

If the screener identifies signs of dyslexia, your child will be given a more comprehensive assessment of their literacy skills. If this additional assessment confirms areas of weakness, you will receive a communication from the school and a teacher will begin providing a structured literacy intervention. Schools will not provide a diagnosis of dyslexia. Diagnosing dyslexia requires testing by a qualified provider such as a neuropsychologist or speech-language pathologist.

**How do I request that my child be screened for dyslexia warning signs?**

If you would like your child to be screened, please send a written request (letter or email) to your child's teacher.

**What will change at school if my child receives a diagnosis of dyslexia or it is determined that he/she has dyslexia warning signs?**

The school will provide a structured literacy intervention in a small group setting. Many students with dyslexia, or who have warning signs of dyslexia, will not require special education services.

**What should I tell my child about dyslexia?**

Every family will take a different approach to talking with their child about dyslexia. Staying positive is important. You can say, "Our brains are like muscles, and we need to practice using them to help them grow. I love you, I am here to help, and so are your teachers." Or, you could say, "You know how you've been having a hard time in school? I'm going to talk to your teachers about that. We all learn differently. We're going to find out how you learn best." Or, "Dyslexia means your brain can have a hard time matching letters with sounds. Your teacher is going to work with you on the things that you've been having a hard time with, and we can try some of those same things at home together too."

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