

ELEMENTARY & JH/HS

DYSLEXIA PLAN

2025-2026

Viburnum Elementary Dyslexia Plan

The purpose of this document is to outline the actions of the Viburnum Elementary as it relates to identifying and servicing students at-risk for dyslexia. This is in accordance with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education dyslexia guidance document and screening organizer.

SCREENING

The following assessment tools will be utilized as evidence of student performance related to the skills listed below. These skills are listed in the DESE dyslexia guidance document and screening organizer for each grade level. Screening will identify students who are at risk of reading failure, be used to identify need for intervention and set goals for achievement.

The following actions will be taken in accordance with state department guidance:

- First through fifth grade (and above*) will be screened within the first thirty days of the year or by October 17th (whichever comes first), mid and end of the year benchmarking, which will be completed within the last thirty days of the school year. Progress monitoring shall occur for students not meeting norms.
- Kindergarten will be screened by November 15. Kindergarten will also be screened within the last thirty days of the school year. Progress monitoring shall occur for students not meeting norms.
- Screening will include K-3 students transferring from a school within state (not previously screened) and those students transferring from another state.
- A student will be screened in grades 4-5 if experiencing consistent difficulty in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency or comprehension as noted by assessment scores, classroom teacher determination or requested by the student's parent/guardian.
 - Exemptions to screening exist. Included in this list are students with a current diagnosis of dyslexia, students with intellectual disabilities and sensory impairment (vision/hearing).
 - English Learners may potentially have characteristics of dyslexia. These students are at times missed because difficulties in reading can be erroneously blamed on language acquisition. These students may be screened for dyslexia related risk factors.
 - Screening will be administered by the Title I staff and classroom teachers. Training for individuals will be outlined in the professional development section of this document.

*all students with continued RSPs.

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Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonological/ Phonemic Awareness	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Big Book of Blending - Blend Sounds to Decode Words Elkonin Boxes Informal Assessment Daily - Beginning, Medial, and Final Sounds, Rhyming Words Science of reading based strategies
Letter Naming Fluency	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy STAR CBM READING	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Tactile Letter Cards Letter Activities - Point and Find, Point and Say, Point and Say Sound Science of reading based strategies
Rapid Automatic Naming	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading		 Flashcards of Object Pictures, Colors, Symbols Science of reading based strategies
Phonics/Sound/Symbol Recognition	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Word Building - Tap and Map Activities Segment and Write Science of reading based strategies

FIRST GRADE

Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonological/ Phonemic Awareness	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Elkonin Boxes with Manipulatives Phoneme Articulation Cards Isolating Beginning, Middle, and Ending Phonemes Science of reading based strategies
Letter Naming Fluency	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy (BOY)	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Tactile Letter Cards Letter Activities - Point and Find, Point and Say, Point and Say Sound Science of reading based strategies
Rapid Automatic Naming	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading		 Flashcards of Object Pictures, Colors, Symbols Science of reading based strategies
Phonics/Sound/Symbol Recognition	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Six Minute Solutions Decodable Stories Segment and Write Science of reading based strategies Analogy Charts Leveled Readers
Orthography	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	Word WallDaily PracticeDecoding, Spelling

			and Reading Words with Same Patterns Science of reading based strategies
Oral Reading Fluency	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading (MOY, EOY)	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Six Minute Solutions Choral Reading Echo Reading Repeated Reading at Independent Level
Reading Comprehension	Renaissance STAR Early Literacy	Informal Reading Assessments With Leveled Readers (Fiction & Non-Fiction)	 Teacher Read Aloud Leveled Readers Six Minute Solutions Science of reading based strategies

SECOND GRADE

Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonological/Phonemic Awareness	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Sound Boards Decoding Word Patterns, Vowel Sounds and Blends Science of reading based strategies
Phonics	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Daily Decoding, Spelling and Memory Word Reading Alphabet Sound Linking Word Families Science of reading based strategies

Rapid Automatic Naming	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading		 Flashcards of Object Pictures, Colors, Symbols Science of reading based strategies
Orthography	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Word Wall Daily Practice Decoding, Spelling and Reading Words with Same Patterns Read/Write/Pop It - CVC, Sight, Word Family Words Science of reading based strategies
Oral Reading Fluency	Renaissance STAR Reading Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Six Minute Solutions Choral Reading Echo Reading Repeated Reading at Independent Level
Reading Comprehension	Renaissance STAR Reading	Informal Reading Assessments With Leveled Readers (Fiction & Non-Fiction)	 Book Clubs with Book Talk Comprehension Focus Group Journals and Questioning Science of reading based strategies

THIRD GRADE

Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonological/Phonemic	Renaissance	Renaissance	HeggertyRead AloudsWord Patterns
Awareness	STAR Reading	STAR CBM Reading	

			Vowel SoundsBlendsScience of reading based strategies
Phonics	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Decodable Books Word Work in Guided Reading Groups Prefix, Suffix Instruction Science of reading based strategies
Rapid Automatic Naming	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading		 Flashcards of Object Pictures, Colors,
Orthography	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Spelling Rule Instruction and Practice Word Sorts with Syllable Patterns Science of reading based strategies
Oral Reading Fluency	Renaissance STAR Reading Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction Six Minute Solutions Fluency Self-Assessment and Goal Setting Science of reading based strategies
Reading Comprehension	Renaissance STAR Reading	Informal Reading Assessments With Leveled Readers (Fiction & Non-Fiction)	 Leveled Book Clubs Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction

	•	Missouri Reading Initiative (MRI)
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FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonics	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Heggerty Prefix, Suffix Instruction Decodable Books Word Work in Guided Reading Groups Science of reading based strategies
Orthography	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Vocabulary Words Spelling Rule Instruction and Practice Word Sorts with Syllable Patterns Science of reading based strategies
Oral Reading Fluency	Renaissance STAR Reading	Renaissance STAR CBM Reading	 Repeated Reading at Independent Level Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction Six Minute Solutions Fluency Self-Assessment and Goal Setting Science of reading based strategies

Reading Comprehension	Renaissance STAR Reading	Informal Reading Assessments With Leveled Readers (Fiction & Non-Fiction)	•	Leveled Book Clubs Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction Missouri Reading Initiative (MRI) Teacher/Student Reading and Writing Conferences Science of reading based strategies	
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ANALYSIS OF DATA

Assessment results will be analyzed in grade level or content area data teams through a systematic process consistent throughout the district. These systems and processes should be utilized throughout the year, including progress monitoring periods. Students with deficits according to the assessments listed above will have specific identified instructional focus in the areas of phonological awareness, phonics, fluency or comprehension as noted by the assessment.

SCREENING, INTERVENTION, SUPPORTS and ACCOMMODATIONS

Students will receive Tier 1 core instruction in literacy component areas as addressed by the Missouri Learning Standards. If a student is found to have a deficit, Viburnum Elementary will provide support consistent with the findings of the assessments listed above.

Interventions: See Screening Organizer

Supports and Accommodations List: See DESE Guidance Document, pp. 5-8

Submission of Core Data to DESE

The following information will be submitted annually as Core Data to DESE for grades K-3.

Screened: Y/N

Screening Tools Used

At Risk: Y/N

- Action Taken Beyond Tier 1:
 - o Title I Teachers
 - o RtI
 - Paraprofessional
 - o SLP
 - o Other, specify

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR DYSLEXIA

Viburnum Elementary will provide two hours of dyslexia inservice training to all practicing staff grades kindergarten - fifth during the 2025-2026 school year. The training may include an introduction to dyslexia, dyslexia simulation, provide information on intervention, screening, progress monitoring, data based decision making, fidelity and classroom support.

Areas of Training	Staff to Attend	Training Dates
2 Hour Training Required https://ironc4-mo.safeschools.co m/login	K-5 All practicing staff	Assigned 7/01/2025 Must Be Completed 9/30/2025
Renaissance STAR Assessments, Renaissance Early Literacy Assessments, Renaissance Progress Monitoring, Renaissance Encoding, Renaissance Rapid Naming, Renaissance CBM LETRS Training	Renaissance STAR Assessments - Title Teachers and 2-5 Renaissance Early Literacy Assessments - Title Teachers and K-1 Progress Monitoring - Title Teachers, K-5 Renaissance Encoding - Title Teachers Renaissance Rapid Naming - Title Teachers Renaissance CBM - Title Teachers Classroom Teachers	8/15/25 8/15/25 8/15/25 8/15/25 8/15/25 8/15/25 Ongoing
Analysis of Assessment Renaissance Progress Monitoring	Data Analysis & Data Teams	District Professional Development Days
Intervention MRI (Missouri Reading Initiative) Superkids Reading Series Small Group and One-on-One Reading Instruction using science of reading based strategies - LETRS Expanding and Varying the Reading Curriculum Choices Guided Reading: Ongoing Side By Side Reading Program Reading Comprehension	K-5 Title I Teachers	Ongoing

Communication to Elementary Staff, Board of Education and Parents

Viburnum Elementary staff and the board of education will be provided information in spring 2025 regarding the elementary dyslexia plan. The following information will be provided to staff pertaining to screening, analysis, intervention, professional development and communication to stakeholders.

The elementary will continue to update and provide information to the staff and the board of education on a routine basis during the 2025-2026 school year.

Viburnum Elementary will provide information to parents regarding aspects of this plan. The following actions will be taken by the district. (See *DESE Guidance Document, Appendix D*)

Communication Action Steps	Audience	Format	Dates
Dyslexia Training	All Staff	Online Through: https://ironc4-mo.safes chools.com/login	Assigned 7/01/2025 Must Be Completed 9/30/2025
Viburnum Elementary Dyslexia Plan	K-3 Building & 4-5 Building	Presentation	Back to School Meeting
Viburnum Elementary Dyslexia Plan	Board of Education Members	Presentation	September 18
Utilize District Website	Viburnum Elementary Educators & Administrators	Elementary Dyslexia Plan	Posted Annually
Share Student Handbooks with Dyslexia Information	Students & Parents	Student Handbook	Annually as Students Register
Post Publically	Viburnum Elementary Parents/Stakeholders	District Website	Posted Annually
Assessment Results (Students Showing Reading Concerns)	Parents/Guardians	Email or Letter	After Benchmarks
Parent Meeting	Title I Parents K-5 Staff	Seek Input for Plan Development & Implementation	October
Benchmark Assessments	Parents, Students, Teachers	Renaissance	BOY Within first 30 days of school or by October 17, whichever comes first (1-5) MOY By December 22 (K by November 14) EOY Within last 30 days of school



Iron County C-4 School District Viburnum Elementary

20 Missouri Avenue Viburnum, MO 65566

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In accordance with HB 2379, all students in K-3rd grade must be screened for dyslexia markers. This is in no way a diagnosis of any kind. This is just a tool to see if your child could benefit from more intensive intervention.

Universal screening of essential reading skills was completed as part of the district's Dyslexia assessment and indicated that your child needs more practice in the following skill area(s):

- Phonemic Awareness the ability to manipulate sound patterns within words
- Rhyming being able to distinguish word patterns that rhyme
- Rapid Color & Object Naming the ability to efficiently label colors & different visual objects
- Letter & Sound Naming the ability to identify letters efficiently & to know their associated sounds
- Decoding the ability to apply phonics knowledge to read known and unknown words
- Word Recognition the ability to read words accurately and fluently
- Oral Reading Fluency the ability to read with appropriate rate, accuracy and expression
- · Reading Comprehension the ability to understand and make connections with text

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Michelle Merseal

Please Note: This is a plan for instruction and not a special education or a related service under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Screening was completed in accordance with the Missouri requirements to identify children who may be at risk with dyslexia. If your child's response to intervention indicates a long-term problem which may require special education and related services, a referral will be made for evaluation. You may also request an evaluation to determine if your child has a disability and is eligible for special education and related services by notifying your child's teacher or me.

Viburnum High School Dyslexia Plan

The purpose of this section of the district assessment plan is to outline the actions of Viburnum High School, a school in the Iron County C-4 School District, as it relates to identifying and servicing students at-risk for dyslexia. This is in accordance with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education dyslexia guidance document and screening organizer.

SCREENING

The following assessment tools will be utilized as evidence of student performance related to the skills listed below. These skills are listed in the DESE dyslexia guidance document and screening organizer for each grade level. Screening will identify students who are at risk of reading failure, be used to identify need for intervention, and set goals for achievement.

The following actions will be taken in accordance with state department guidance:

- A student will be screened in grades 6-12 if experiencing consistent difficulty in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, or comprehension as noted by assessment scores, classroom teacher determination, or requested by the student's parent/guardian.
- Exemptions to screening exist. Included in this list are students with a current diagnosis of dyslexia, students with intellectual disabilities and sensory impairment (vision/hearing).
- English Learners may potentially have characteristics of dyslexia. These students
 are at times missed because difficulties in reading can be erroneously blamed on
 language acquisition. These students may be screened for dyslexia related risk
 factors.

Screening will be administered by Iron County C-4 School District staff. Training for individuals will be outlined in the professional development section of this document.

6th-12th Grade

Skill Component	Screener Name	Classroom Diagnostic - Next Steps	Explicit Instruction Based on Focused Student Need
Phonics	Renaissance STAR Reading I-Ready Diagnostic (6-8)	KTEA-3 WIAT-4	 Heggerty Prefix, Suffix Instruction Decodable Books
Orthography	Renaissance STAR Reading	KTEA-3 WIAT-4	 Vocabulary Words Spelling Rule Instruction and Practice Word Sorts with Syllable Patterns
Oral Reading Fluency	Renaissance STAR Reading	KTEA-3 WIAT-4	 Repeated Reading at Independent Level Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction Fluency Self-Assessment and Goal Setting
Reading Comprehension	Renaissance STAR Reading I-Ready Diagnostic (6-8)	KTEA-3 WIAT-4 Gate-MacGinitie Test	 Leveled Book Reading Close Reading of Fiction and Nonfiction
Phonological/Phonemic Awareness	Renaissance STAR Reading I-Ready Diagnostic (6-8)	KTEA-3 WIAT-4	HeggertyRead AloudsWord PatternsVowel SoundsBlends
Rapid Automatic Naming	RAN/RAS		Flashcards of Object Pictures, Colors, Symbols

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR DYSLEXIA

Viburnum Junior High/High School will provide two hours of dyslexia inservice training to all practicing staff grades sixth - twelfth during the 2025-2026 school year. The training may include an introduction to dyslexia, dyslexia simulation, provide information on intervention, screening, progress monitoring, data based decision making, fidelity and classroom support.

Areas of Training	Staff to Attend	Training Dates
2 Hour Training Required https://ironc4-mo.safeschools.co m/login	6-12 All practicing staff	Assigned 10/18/23 Must Be Completed 10/31/23
Renaissance STAR Assessments, Renaissance Progress Monitoring, I-Ready	Renaissance STAR Assessments - ELA Teachers Progress Monitoring - ELA Teachers I-Ready - JH ELA	8/17/23 8/17/23 11/6/23
Analysis of Assessment Renaissance Progress Monitoring	Data Analysis & Data Teams	District Professional Development Days
Intervention MRI (Missouri Reading Initiative) Heggerty Small Group and One-on-One Reading Instruction Expanding and Varying the Reading Curriculum Choices Guided Reading: Ongoing Reading Comprehension	6-12	Ongoing

Communication to Junior/High School Staff, Board of Education and Parents

Viburnum Junior/High School staff and the board of education will be provided information in spring 2025 regarding the Junior/High School dyslexia plan. The following information will be provided to staff pertaining to screening, analysis, intervention, professional development and communication to stakeholders.

The Junior/High School will continue to update and provide information to the staff and the board of education on a routine basis during the 2025-2026 school year.

Viburnum Junior/High School will provide information to parents regarding aspects of this plan. The following actions will be taken by the district. (See *DESE Guidance Document, Appendix D*)

Communication Action Steps	Audience	Format	Dates
Dyslexia Training	All Staff	Online Through: https://ironc4-mo.safes chools.com/login	Assigned 7/01/2025 Must Be Completed 9/30/2025
Viburnum Junior/High School Dyslexia Plan	6-12th grade Teachers	Presentation	December 6
Viburnum Junior/High School Dyslexia Plan	Board of Education Members	Presentation	November 16
Utilize District Website	Viburnum Junior/High School Educators & Administrators	Junior/High School Dyslexia Plan	Posted Annually
Share Student Handbooks with Dyslexia Information	Students & Parents	Student Handbook	Annually as Students Register
Post Publically	Viburnum Junior/High School Parents/Stakeholders	District Website	Posted Annually
Assessment Results (Students Showing Reading Concerns)	Parents/Guardians	Email or Letter	After Benchmarks
Benchmark Assessments	Parents, Students, Teachers	Renaissance	BOY Within first 30 days of school MOY By December 22 EOY Within last 30 days of school

ANALYSIS OF DATA

Assessment results will be analyzed in grade level or content area data teams through a systematic process consistent throughout the district. These systems and processes should be utilized throughout the year, including progress monitoring periods. Students with deficits according to the assessments listed above will have specific identified instructional focus in the areas of phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, or comprehension as noted by the assessment and in compliance with the task force recommendations under section 633.420.

INTERVENTION, SUPPORTS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Students will receive Tier 1 core instruction in literacy component areas as addressed by the Missouri Learning Standards. If a student is found to have a deficit, Viburnum High School will provide support consistent with the findings of the assessments listed above. "Supports" are low-cost and effective best practices, such as oral examinations and extended test-taking periods. A list of example accommodations that benefit students with dyslexia can be found on pages 6-9 of DESE's LEA Guidance for Serving Students At-risk for Dyslexia. This document can be found at the following location: https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-dyslexia-serving-students-at-risk-lea-guidance.pdf

Please note that not all students at risk for dyslexia will require all the possible supports and accommodations. It is important to match and scaffold the supports with the student's individual need.