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Text of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC

Chapter 74. Curriculum Requirements

Subchapter C. Other Provisions

§74.28. Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders.

- (a) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings.
- (1) Screening a student for dyslexia or a related disorder, a term used in Texas Education Code (TEC), §38.003, means the administration of a universal screening instrument required for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1.
 - (2) Testing a student for dyslexia or a related disorder, a term used in TEC, §38.003, means a comprehensive evaluation as required under 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 300, and includes evaluation components as stated in the "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders," referenced in subsection (c) of this section, for the identification of dyslexia or a related disorder.
 - (3) Treatment for a student identified with dyslexia or a related disorder, a term used in TEC §38.003, means any instructional accommodations through an accommodation plan under Section 504 or instructional accommodations, modifications, and/or the provision of dyslexia instruction in accordance with a student's individualized education program (IEP).
 - (4) Direct dyslexia instruction, a term used in TEC, §7.102(c)(28), or dyslexia instruction means evidence-based dyslexia instruction that includes the required components of dyslexia instruction and instructional delivery methods as outlined in the handbook referenced in subsection (c) of this section and as described by a student's IEP under TEC, §29.005.
 - (5) Provider of dyslexia instruction (PDI) means a provider who meets the requirements of TEC, §29.0032.
- ~~[(a) In order to support and maintain full educational opportunity for students with dyslexia and related disorders and consistent with federal and state law, school districts and open enrollment charter schools shall provide each student with dyslexia or a related disorder access to each program under which the student qualifies for services.]~~
- (b) The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school must adopt and implement a policy requiring the district or school to comply with this section, inclusive of the handbook referenced in subsection (c) of this section and the provision of dyslexia instruction for students identified with dyslexia or a related disorder as determined by the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee [ensure that procedures for identifying a student with dyslexia or a related disorder and for providing appropriate, evidence based instructional services to the student are implemented in the district] .
- (c) A school district's or open-enrollment charter school's policy [procedures] must be implemented according to the State Board of Education's (SBOE's) [Education (SBOE) approved strategies for screening, individualized evaluation, and techniques for treating dyslexia and related disorders. The strategies and techniques are described in the] "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders " provided in this subsection. Before adopting changes to the handbook, the SBOE will consider input provided by [The handbook is a set of guidelines for school districts and open enrollment charter schools that may be modified by the SBOE only with broad based dialogue that includes input from] educators and professionals in the field of reading and dyslexia and related disorders , as well as parents and other stakeholders, from across the state.
- Figure: 19 TAC §74.28(c) [Figure: 19 TAC §74.28(e)]
- ~~[(d) Screening as described in the "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders" and further evaluation should only be conducted by individuals who are trained in valid-~~

~~evidence-based assessments and who are trained to appropriately evaluate students for dyslexia and related disorders.]~~

- (d) ~~[(e)]~~ A school district or open-enrollment charter school must provide evidence-based dyslexia instruction by a trained PDI for students with dyslexia or a related disorder that includes the required instructional and delivery components [shall purchase a reading program or develop its own evidence-based reading program for students with dyslexia and related disorders that is aligned with the descriptors] found in the handbook referenced in subsection (c) of this section ["Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders." Teachers who screen and treat these students must be trained in instructional strategies that use individualized, intensive, multisensory, phonetic methods and a variety of writing and spelling components described in the "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders." The professional development activities specified by each open-enrollment charter school and district and/or campus planning and decision-making committee shall include these instructional strategies] .
- ~~[(f)]~~ At least five school days before any evaluation or identification procedure is used selectively with an individual student, the school district or open-enrollment charter school must provide written notification to the student's parent or guardian or another person standing in parental relation to the student of the proposed identification or evaluation. The notice must be in English, or to the extent practicable, the individual's native language and must include the following:
- ~~[(1)]~~ a reasonable description of the evaluation procedure to be used with the individual student;
 - ~~[(2)]~~ information related to any instructional intervention or strategy used to assist the student prior to evaluation;
 - ~~[(3)]~~ an estimated time frame within which the evaluation will be completed; and
 - ~~[(4)]~~ specific contact information for the campus point of contact, relevant Parent Training and Information Projects, and any other appropriate parent resources.]
- ~~[(g)]~~ Before a full individual and initial evaluation is conducted to determine whether a student has a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the school district or open-enrollment charter school must notify the student's parent or guardian or another person standing in parental relation to the student of its proposal to conduct an evaluation consistent with 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), §300.503, provide all information required under subsection (f) of this section, and provide:
- ~~[(1)]~~ a copy of the procedural safeguards notice required by 34 CFR, §300.504;
 - ~~[(2)]~~ an opportunity to give written consent for the evaluation; and
 - ~~[(3)]~~ a copy of information required under Texas Education Code (TEC), §26.0081.]
- ~~[(h)]~~ Parents/guardians of a student with dyslexia or a related disorder must be informed of all services and options available to the student, including general education interventions under response to intervention and multi-tiered systems of support models as required by TEC, §26.0081(d), and options under federal law, including IDEA and the Rehabilitation Act, §504.]
- ~~[(i)]~~ Each school or open-enrollment charter school must provide each identified student access at his or her campus to instructional programs required in subsection (e) of this section and to the services of a teacher trained in dyslexia and related disorders. The school district or open-enrollment charter school may, with the approval of each student's parents or guardians, offer additional services at a centralized location. Such centralized services shall not preclude each student from receiving services at his or her campus.]
- ~~[(j)]~~ Because early intervention is critical, a process for early identification, intervention, and support for students at risk for dyslexia and related disorders must be available in each district and open-enrollment charter school as outlined in the "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders." School districts and open-enrollment charter schools may not use early intervention strategies, including multi-tiered systems of support, to delay or deny the provision of a full and individual evaluation to a child suspected of having a specific learning disability, including dyslexia or a related disorder.]
- (e) ~~[(4e)]~~ Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall report through the Texas Student Data System Public Education Information Management System (TSDS PEIMS) the results of the screening for

dyslexia and related disorders required for each student in Kindergarten and each student in Grade 1 in accordance with TEC, §38.003(a).

(f) ~~(+)~~ Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide to parents of students enrolled in the district or school information on a parent education program for parents/guardians of students with dyslexia and related disorders. This program must include :

- (1) ~~[awareness and]~~ characteristics of dyslexia and related disorders;
- (2) evaluation and identification ~~[information on testing and diagnosis]~~ of dyslexia and related disorders;
- (3) ~~[information on]~~ effective instructional strategies for teaching students with dyslexia and related disorders;
- (4) ~~[information on]~~ qualifications of and contact information for PDIs at each campus or school ~~[those delivering services to students with dyslexia and related disorders]~~ ;
- (5) instructional ~~[awareness of information on]~~ accommodations and modifications ~~[, especially those allowed for standardized testing]~~ ;
- (6) the steps in the special education process, as described in the form developed by the Texas Education Agency to comply with TEC, §29.0031(a)(1); and
- (7) how to request a copy and access the electronic version of the handbook referenced in subsection (c) of this section.

~~[(6) information on eligibility, evaluation requests, and services available under IDEA and the Rehabilitation Act, §504, and information on the response to intervention process; and]~~

~~[(7) contact information for the relevant regional and/or school district or open enrollment charter school specialists.]~~

~~[(m) School districts and open enrollment charter schools shall provide to parents of children suspected to have dyslexia or a related disorder a copy or a link to the electronic version of the "Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders."]~~

(g) ~~(+)~~ School districts and open-enrollment charter schools will be subject to monitoring for compliance with federal law and regulations in connection with this section. School districts and open-enrollment charter schools will be subject to auditing and monitoring for compliance with state dyslexia laws in accordance with administrative rules adopted by the commissioner of education as required by TEC, §38.003(c-1).

(h) School districts and open-enrollment charter schools must include the member required by TEC, §29.0031(b), on the multidisciplinary team and ARD committee, as appropriate, who meets the requirements of TEC, §29.0031(b)(1) or (2), or who meets the training requirements established by the SBOE as described in the handbook referenced in subsection (c) of this section.