

Dear Parent/Gaurdian

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) requires identifying struggling readers who show risk factors for dyslexia so that early interventions may occur. We would like to share these requirements with you, and how Penn-Harris-Madison is implementing these requirements.

1. Each school corporation shall employ at least one individual to serve as an authorized reading specialist trained in dyslexia. P-H-M's authorized reading specialist trained in dyslexia is Betsy Alwine. balwine@phm.k12.in.us
2. All students in kindergarten, first, and second grades will be screened annually by a district chosen (IDOE approved) Universal Screener regardless of the previous year's results. In addition to scientifically-based core instruction in the general education classroom, students identified "at risk" or "at some risk," need evidence-based, specially designed instruction to address identified basic reading, writing, and spelling weaknesses. P-H-M's IDOE approved Universal Screener for grades K-2 is DIBELS 8th .
 - o **P-H-M's adopted program for direct instruction is Wilson's Foundations.**
 - o **All K-2nd grade students are taught using this multisensory curriculum in order to strengthen phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency.**
 - o **Students found to be "at risk" or "at some risk" will have targeted (IDOE approved) interventions specific to their screening information and added to the school's RTI process.**
3. Screening will be administered to students within the first ninety (90) school days.
4. When a student in grade 3 or higher has difficulty, as noted by a classroom teacher, in: (A) phonological and phonemic awareness; (B) sound symbol recognition; (C) alphabet knowledge; (D) decoding skills; (E) rapid naming skills; and (F) encoding skills; he or she may follow the same procedure as in K-2nd grade, being administered the Dyslexia Universal Screener et al.

To read more information about IDOE's requirements for dyslexia screening, please visit the IDOE Dyslexia website: <https://www.in.gov/doi/students/indiana-academic-standards/literacy/dyslexia/>

Sincerely yours,



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