Dyslexia Requirements

Dyslexia Screenings (ORC 3323.251). Under current law, for the 2023-2024 school year, a student enrolled in grades kindergarten through six must be screened for dyslexia using a “tier one” screening tool. Effective October 3rd, when students who have not been screened transfer into kindergarten through sixth grades during the 2023-2024 school year, schools must follow the timelines based upon the student’s grade level or within 30 days of transferring.

Dyslexia Professional Development (ORC 3319.077). Deadlines for the completion of teacher professional development requirements for dyslexia training have been adjusted. Effective October 3rd, teachers and intervention specialists serving kindergarten and first grade must complete training by the start of 2023-2024 school year. Teachers hired after April 12, 2021 have two years to complete the training.
The Office of Early Learning & School Readiness will host Open Office Hours twice per month from August 2023 through May 2024:

- Every 2nd Friday at 3:00 p.m. - Click here to join the meeting.
- Every 4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. - Click here to join the meeting.

Exceptions: 11/10/23 & 12/26/23

Educators and school personnel are invited to pop into the virtual meeting space anytime during the 45-minute sessions to ask questions of our Early Learning Specialists. No registration or RSVP is needed to participate.

**Training & Events**

**Public Records Training**

The Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Law training (in person and virtual) schedule is available here. The Auditor of State (AOS) will be auditing compliance with the annual requirement for the current fiscal year. Per the 2019-003 and 2021-007 AOS bulletins:

- Community school officials and employees are required to take the training created by the Attorney General.
- The annual training for community school administrators was completed within the first four months of employment.

**Attendance Awareness Month**

September is Attendance Awareness Month, a nationwide recognition of the connection between regular school attendance and academic achievement. Celebrate with the Stay in the Game! Network by participating in planned events every week to celebrate school attendance. More information and a link to ODE’s Attendance Support website can be found here.

**Other Resources**

- NCSRC Grant Opportunities
- New program aimed at teacher shortage in Ohio, J.D. Davidson
- One Detroit school’s multilayered efforts to get absent students back to school, Ethan Bakuli & Tracie Mauriello
- A new state initiative could help districts address the bus driver shortage, Jessica Poiner, Thomas B. Fordham Institute
- ODE Transportation:
  - Compliance Monitoring Process
  - Non-Compliance Investigation Document

Find the EMIS Data Collection Calendar for 2023-2024 here.

Find the Statewide Student Identifier FAQ and Manual here.
Compliance and Epicenter Requirements

- Child Abuse Recognition, Violence and Substance Abuse Training - 9/8/2023
- Child Abuse Referral Information - 9/8/2023
- Heimlich Training - 9/8/2023
- NCLB Parent Notification of Teacher Information - 9/15/2023
- Safety Notification to Parents - 9/15/2023
- Curriculum Table - 9/16/2023
- Privacy (Confidentiality) Policy - FERPA - 9/22/2023
- Wellness Policy - 9/22/2023
- Residency Documentation Policy and Verification Process - 9/28/2023
- Concussion Information Form and Training - 9/29/2023
- Inventory - 9/29/2023 School
- Promotion and Retention Policy - 9/29/2023 School
- Final Approved Board Minutes - 9/29/2023
- Monthly Financial and Enrollment Report - 9/30/2023
- Affidavit for Criminal Background Checks - 10/1/2023
- Monthly Enrollment Verification - 10/1/2023
- Child Find Documentation - 10/6/2023
- Fire and Safety Drill Log - 10/6/2023
- Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy - 10/6/2023
- Truancy Policy - 10/6/2023
- Current Mailing Address List All Parents - 10/13/2023
- Parental Involvement Policy - 10/13/2023
- State Testing and Assessment Calendar - 10/13/2023

Compliance Refresher

Compulsory Testing Notice - new language requirement effective October 3, 2023

Upon enrollment, community schools must continue to distribute a notice to parents regarding compulsory state testing. The phrasing of this required notice was changed, and schools must update their notice documents as shown below:

"The (fill in name of the school) is a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students are exempt from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education pursuant to section 3321.042 of the Revised Code shall no longer be exempt for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce."

How we verify compliance:
- Schools must include in their contract, as a responsibility of the governing authority, that they will follow ORC 3314.041.
- We collect the notice and how it is distributed in Epicenter.
- We collect enrollment documents that the school submits in Epicenter.
A Fresh Start

We are excited to share the opening of the new ReGeneration Avondale and ReGeneration Middle School campus. Since mid-June, their team has been busy renovating and refreshing the building with new floor tiles, fresh paint, brand new furniture, and updated security systems. The kindergarten - eighth grade campus staggered start dates for students in order to share expectations for academics and behavior, and practice systems and routines that create a consistent, safe and supportive learning environment. Students had the opportunity to meet their teachers, greet new friends, and connect after a long summer. May your fresh new school have an amazing year!