

## Frequently Asked Questions 2022-2023 Approved List of Tier 1 Dyslexia Screeners

### ***Will more dyslexia screeners be added to the approved list?***

The Department will issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) later this fall seeking additional applications for Tier 1 Dyslexia Screening, as well as other approval categories. The Department intends to release the 2023-2024 List of Approved Assessments in the winter. The intention is to add additional approved assessments for use in the 2023-2024 school year. Once approved for a specific use, an instrument will generally remain on the approved list up to five years unless there are changes to the assessment, or legal requirements, or the vendor requests removal.

### ***Will the current screener our district uses for universal screening be added to the list?***

Assessment vendors will have additional opportunities to be added to the list. We urge districts and schools to contact their vendors if they have screeners they wish to continue to use, to ensure that the vendor submits a response to the RFQ when issued. Vendors should be aware that approvals are specific to each category of use. Being approved in one category does not mean that they are approved for other categories. Each use has specific minimum criteria that must be demonstrated. Vendors who applied and were not approved may wish to apply again with revised information.

### ***Why does the wording of the approved list say “optional”? Does this indicate that when it is mandatory in 2023-24, the list will be different?***

Recent changes to state law delayed by one year the requirement for annual tier one dyslexia screenings of students in grades kindergarten through six from the 2022-2023 school year to the 2023-2024 school year but permits a district or school to administer the tier one dyslexia screening prior to the 2023-2024 school year (Ohio Revised Code 3323.251). The current list is for districts and schools that choose to optionally implement the universal screening requirement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vendors will have an additional opportunity to apply for approval prior to the 2023-2024 school year so the 2023-2024 list may include other assessments.

### ***Will another list for stand-alone screeners also be released?***

The current list reflects instruments submitted for approval that demonstrated that they meet minimum criteria. Not all applicants were approved. At present we do not have any approved stand-alone screeners. Vendors having such instruments will have an opportunity to submit a response to the next RFQ to be released this fall.

***Can our district continue to use an informal tool that they have been using or must we purchase an approved screener?***

Yes, districts may continue using an informal tool during the 2022-2023 school year. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, universal dyslexia screening, using an approved instrument, will be required. The Department is publishing this initial list so that districts can consider adopting approved screeners during this optional transition year.

***Will the Department be revising its K-3 Diagnostic for use as a Universal Tier 1 Screener or developing other screening tools?***

Not at this time.

***Will the Department release a list of approved Tier 2 screeners?***

The Department will not be creating a list of approved intervention-based diagnostic assessments for tier 2 dyslexia screening. Teams working with students who are at risk of dyslexia will need to select intervention-based diagnostic assessments (tier 2 dyslexia screening measures) meeting the criteria described in the [dyslexia guidebook](#). An example of an intervention-based diagnostic assessment (tier 2 dyslexia screening measures) is provided in [Appendix B](#) of the dyslexia guidebook.