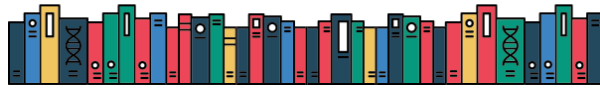




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Dyslexia Advisory Council Fall Update

Members of the [Dyslexia Advisory Council](#) (DAC) convened for two days at the end of October and reviewed to the following areas:

- The initial roll out of the recommended tools for implementing the early screening of Dyslexia
- Communication from OSPI to the DAC and General Public
- [Recommended Grade Level Matrix](#) and provided new guidance on administration of the Rapid Automatized Naming and screening of students who are acquiring the English Language
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and updated guidance on screening of students who are acquiring the English Language

Council members spent the majority of their time forming workgroups and collaborating on the following areas required by RCW [28A.300.710](#):

- Best practices for school district implementation of screening tools, including trainings for school district staff conducting the screenings;
- Best practices for using multi-tiered systems of support, including trainings for school district staff in instructional methods specifically targeting students' areas of weakness;
- Sample educational information for parents and families related to dyslexia that includes a list of resources for parental support; and
- Best practices to address the needs of students above Grade 2 who show indications of, or areas of weakness associated with, dyslexia.

In addition, workgroups were formed to attend frequent Stakeholder Requests:

- Revise and update the WA State Dyslexia Handbook;
- Develop an infrastructure including guidelines for the annual review of new and existing screening tools recommended by the Dyslexia Advisory Council; and
- Develop a crosswalk for the recommended screening tools
- Guidance for screening students who are English Language Learners

At the end of the two days together, workgroup leads shared their next steps and planning time outside of Dyslexia Advisory Council meetings. Over the winter, workgroups will begin to generate and/or weaving together resources to be shared at the February Zoom Meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2019. OSPI communications will be supporting the DAC, to ensure the suite of resources are easily accessible for all stakeholders.

Be on the Lookout!

- OSPI on behalf of the Dyslexia Advisory Council will release a new *Request for Qualification and Quotation* for the review of additional [literacy screening tools](#) in February 2020 with the review cycle culminating at the April Dyslexia Advisory Council Meeting.
- Applications for the new cohort of Dyslexia Advisory Council members will be available in the spring of 2020.