

UNIVERSAL SCREENING

K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties, including risk of dyslexia



IT'S OFFICIAL

On July 10, 2023, Governor Newsom signed the Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill (**Senate Bill 114**) which included K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties, including risk of dyslexia.

BACKGROUND

Research from multiple scientific studies is unequivocal: early identification and intervention improves literacy outcomes for students at risk of, or with, dyslexia and other struggling readers. K-2 universal screening makes system-wide early intervention possible and is the first step in closing academic gaps, before students fall behind.

SB 114 KEY POINTS

- require schools to conduct K-2 annual universal screenings for reading difficulties, including risk of dyslexia, and provide evidence-based literacy instruction, progress monitoring, and early intervention in the regular general education program for students at risk
- include screening instruments that are developed both for English-speaking pupils and for non-English speaking pupils, in languages reflecting the primary languages of pupils in the state

TIMELINE

Deadline	Task
On or before January 31, 2024	State Board of Education develops evaluation criteria and appoints a panel of independent experts
On or before December 31, 2024	Independent expert panel approves a list of selected screening instruments
On or before June 30, 2025	Local education agencies (LEAs) formally adopt screener(s) from the approved list
No later than 2025-2026 school year	LEAs begin annual K-2 screening with results shared with parents/guardians no later than 45 days from date of screening

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