

Descriptor Term: SCREENING STUDENTS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE

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It is the policy of the Gulfport School District to comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Speech-Language legislation provided by the MS Code (HB No.896, 2013). Pursuant to HB 896, this District will ensure that the following actions will take place.

1. Any child attending school in the Gulfport School District will be screened for speech-language using the district's screener by the end of his/her first grade year.
2. The Gulfport School District Language-Speech Screener shall be composed of the following elements, as set forth in HB 896:
 - a.) Language
 - b.) Articulation
 - c.) Voice
 - d.) Fluency
3. If the student fails the screener, the parent or legal guardian will be notified of the results of the screener by his/her school site.
4. At the discretion of the district, a comprehensive speech-language evaluation may be performed. The evaluation must be administered by Speech-Language Pathologist (215 license endorsement). If the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET) chooses not to assess, that must be supported by the student's data (such as RTI information, prevention, etc.).
5. The parent or legal guardian of a student who has failed the speech-language screener may request an evaluation. The evaluation must be administered by Speech-Language Pathologist (215 license endorsement). The resulting diagnosis shall be accepted by the school district for purposes of determining eligibility to receive a Mississippi Speech-Language Therapy Scholarship for placement in a speech-language program in another public school or nonpublic special purpose school.

Legal Reference: MS HB 896 (2013)