

**MCPSS
DYSLEXIA CHECKLIST FOR Parents
Elementary School**

Name of Student: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____ Birth date: _____

School: _____

Checklist completed by: _____

(YES) (NO)

PERCEIVED ACADEMIC POTENTIAL

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| ___ | ___ | 1. Does your child seem to have the intellectual ability or academic potential to develop reading, writing, and spelling skills? |
| ___ | ___ | 2. Are the reading, spelling, or writing skills below what you would expect in view of perceived intellectual ability or academic potential? |

READING SKILLS

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| ___ | ___ | 3. Does your child have difficulty identifying basic sight words? |
| ___ | ___ | 4. Does your child have difficulty sounding out words using phonics skills? |
| ___ | ___ | 5. Does your child comprehend text read aloud by others? |
| ___ | ___ | 6. Is the student's oral reading slow and laborious? |

ALPHABET AND SPELLING SKILLS

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| ___ | ___ | 7. Is there a history of reading/spelling problems on either side of the family? |
| ___ | ___ | 8. Is there a history of severe ear infections during the 1 st years of life? |
| ___ | ___ | 9. Does your child seem to quickly forget how to spell words he or she just learned? |
| ___ | ___ | 10. Can your child break down words into separate sounds? |
| ___ | ___ | 11. Does the student frequently make spelling errors that involve changing the order of the letters within the word (i.e. left/felt or spelt/slept)? |

HANDWRITING SKILLS

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| ___ | ___ | 12. Is handwriting often illegible or messy? |
| ___ | ___ | 13. Is pencil grip awkward, tight, or fist-like? |

OTHER SKILLS

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| ___ | ___ | 14. Does the student have problems with organization or memory? |
| ___ | ___ | 15. Does the student have problems with spatial orientation (before/after, left/right)? |
| ___ | ___ | 16. Does the student have difficulty "finding the right word" or seem to hesitate when trying to answer direct questions? |

Comments:

(Adapted from Alabama Scottish Rites Center for Dyslexia)