

Dyslexia Advisory Council

June 8, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. CT
Detailed Agenda

Location: Virtual

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Purpose:

- to advise the department in matters relating to dyslexia
- clarify and refine guidance
- develop resources to support district implementation
- collect data and generate reports on student performance

Agenda (agenda is subject to change)

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome	Dr. Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner
10:15 – 10:35 a.m.	Celebrations	Dr. Jessica Dainty
10:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	SWD Council Guiding Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Discussion • Jigsaw Groups • Group Discussion • Key Initiatives for Dyslexia Aligned to SWD Guiding Principles 	Dr. Jessica Dainty, Manager of Statewide Dyslexia Strategy Council Members
12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia Advisory Group • Characteristics of Dyslexia Working Group 	Dr. Jessica Dainty Council Members
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Virtual Picture and Closing	Council Members

Council Members:

Lizzette Reynolds, Commissioner of Education

Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer



Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports

April Ebbinger, Director of Psychological and Behavioral Services, Assessment Specialist

Wendy O'Neal, Elementary Teacher

Rachel Hays, Middle Grade Teacher

Galen Bell, High School Teacher

Shalee Lastoria, Special Education Teacher

Kristin Davis, Speech Language Pathologist

Andrea Hickok, Parent

Gay Landaiche, Dyslexia Advocacy Group Representative

Susan Porter, Ex Officio

Erin Alexander, Ex Officio

Toremika Brown, Administrator

Alison Atnip, Tier I Instructional Coach

Lauren Derrick, Interventionist

Dr. Deborah Reed, Reading Research Center, UTK

Jessica Dainty, Manager of Statewide Dyslexia Strategy

Notes: