



The 3-D School Gulf Coast

Dear Parents,

Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center, was established in 2008 in Petal which is located in the Mississippi Pine Belt area. The school is accredited through the Mississippi Department of Education as a non-public special purpose school. The 3-D School Board of Directors and Faculty are pleased to announce the expansion of the school to the Gulf Coast area in August 2017.

The school is designed to offer a full day program (8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m) to students entering 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. The students must remain in the school for three (3) years in order to complete the comprehensive dyslexia therapy curriculum. The daily schedule includes dyslexia therapy, language arts, math, social studies, and science. The students also enjoy art and music activities, as well as occasional field trips. All instruction is delivered by licensed dyslexia therapists trained in the William Carey University Dyslexia Therapy Master's Degree program.

Over the past ten (10) years, many 3-D School students have benefitted greatly from instruction and have gone on to be successful when re-entering a regular school. In order to continue that reputation of success, the same policies and procedures followed at the Petal Campus must be followed on the Gulf Coast Campus. Two main policies that need to be clearly understood by parents are: all students exhibiting ADHD/ADD behaviors must be under a physician's care and receiving medical management of the disability, and students demonstrating emotional or social behavior issues will not be accepted into the school. The 3-D School will provide a safe learning environment for students and will not tolerate behaviors that disrupt instruction for students.

The school is limited in the number of students that can be accepted, so please begin the application process immediately. Please read the following information carefully and contact us if you have a question. We look forward to serving the children in the Gulf Coast area.

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The mission of The 3-D School is to identify children with the characteristics of dyslexia and provide an educational environment designed to include appropriate multi-sensory research based intervention, academic enrichment and positive educational experiences that challenge students by building necessary skills for academic and personal success.

Dynamic Dyslexia Design: The 3-D School Gulf Coast

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION (Please read carefully)

The 3-D School Gulf Coast will be located behind the Taconi School Gym in Ocean Springs. The school is a non-public special purpose school committed to serving young students with dyslexia in a three (3) year program. The 3-D School is accredited through the Mississippi Department of Education and follows the yearly (August-May) schedule of most public and non-public schools. The school day will begin at 8:15 a.m. and students will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Please refer to the Handbook for additional information.

Evaluation Policy

According to Mississippi Law, academic evaluations may be administered by a psychometrist, psychologist, or speech language pathologist. **In order to be considered for admittance to the 3-D School, the following test scores are required and must have been administered within 1 (one) calendar year of admittance date. Please be sure any outside testing includes scores from these evaluation instruments:**

- Full Scale IQ – measurement of non-verbal and verbal ability (RAIS or WISC-R)
- Academic Achievement – WIATT III (Must include reading, spelling, and math scores)
- Phonological Processing – CTOPP scores (Must have phonological awareness, memory, rapid naming scores)
- Reading – GORT (Must include accuracy, rate, fluency, and comprehension scores)
- Language – OWLS or CELF (Must include Receptive, Expressive, and Core/Combined Language Scores; both Verbal and Written Expression scores needed)

- *If problems outside of our areas of expertise are indicated, we will make recommendations for further evaluation by a qualified professional.*

In addition to testing, the following is required:

- ADHD/ADD Evaluation Report: ADHD/ADD is commonly associated with dyslexia and is a barrier to successful remediation.
- Students with ADHD/ADD must be under a physician's care for ADHD/ADD management.
- A letter of recommendation is required from the previous teacher stating behavioral observations in the classroom.
- Submit any emotional or behavioral documentation that will provide insight into learning needs, if available.
- Primary diagnosis of Dyslexia must be determined by a qualified diagnostician.

To schedule an evaluation at The 3-D School, email Elesha McCarty at evaluations@the3dschool.org

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ASHA Certified Speech Language Pathologist

ALTA Certified Academic Language Therapist

MDE Licensed School Psychometrist

MDE Licensed Dyslexia Therapist

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The 3-D School Psycho-Educational Evaluation, Petal, MS: Evaluation Fee: \$850

Testing is administered over two days and includes all testing required for admission to the school EXCEPT for an ADHD/ADD evaluation. Testing must reveal a primary disability of dyslexia in order to be a candidate for the school.

We also recommend testing at:

Gulf Coast Education Solutions, Saucier, MS: Evaluation Fee \$850

23272 Hwy 49 Frontage Rd. #C

Saucier, MS

Angel Jones, Director

ajones@gulfcoastedsolutions.com

228-806-0616

Connections Clinic, Hattiesburg, MS

2 Southern Pointe Parkway #200

Hattiesburg, MS

601-261-5159

Students evaluated by the 3-D School Evaluation Center, Connections Clinic, or Gulf Coast Education Solutions will have priority for admission to the 3-D Gulf Coast School. If testing is submitted from another source, testing must include all measurements stated above, be administered within the past 12 months, and reviewed by the director of the 3-D School Evaluation Center to determine eligibility.

Procedures for Admissions:

- 1) Students entering 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades will be accepted into the school. Students must remain in the school for 3 years in order to complete the program.
- 2) Students must be evaluated to determine if Dyslexia is the primary disability. (Refer to Evaluation Policy)
- 3) Parents must complete the 3-D School Gulf Coast application and mails: 1) the application, 2) evaluation reports, and 3) \$150 to The 3-D School, 120 South George Street, Petal, MS (Applications will not be accepted without submission of all 3 items)
- 4) After the application packet is received, the parents and child will be called to schedule an interview.
- 5) At the time of the interview, the student will be registered for the 2017-2018 school year if it is determined by the parent and school director that it is the appropriate placement for the student.

Financial Policy:

- 1) Students coming from public schools receive the MAEP funding, therefore, tuition is reduced to \$4500 per year.
- 2) Students coming from non-public schools do not receive MAEP funds the 1st year, therefore, tuition is \$9000 for the 1st year and \$4500 the following two years. (Parents may apply for a one-time scholarship to assist with the 1st year.)
- 3) There is a \$150 application fee due with the application and a \$250 curriculum fee due on July 1.
- 4) Students with an IEP may apply for the MS Education Scholarship Assistance (ESA). Tuition for students that receive this scholarship is \$2500 per year. Only 500 ESA's are awarded in the state each year. Parents will find the ESA application on the Mississippi Department of Education website under Special Education.