

BBA ADMISSIONS

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

Bright Beginnings Academy is a nonpublic special purpose school committed to serving students with dyslexia. The therapy program we provide is a three level program. In most cases the program can be completed in a three (3) year period. More information is given in the BBA Parent Handbook.

Evaluation Policy

To be considered for enrollment a full scale evaluation must be presented. It may be administered by a psychometrist, psychologist, or speech language pathologist. **In order to be considered for admittance to Bright Beginnings Academy, 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)

IN ADDITION TO ACADEMIC 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 and taking the prescribed medications as indicated.
- Submit any available emotional or behavioral documentation that will provide insight into learning needs.
- Primary diagnosis of Dyslexia must be determined

Procedures for Admissions:

1. Students entering 1st – 5th 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 have full evaluation to determine if Dyslexia is the primary disability. (Refer to Evaluation Policy)
3. Parents must complete the application and mail:

1) the application

2) evaluation reports

3) \$25.00 application fee to Bright Beginnings Academy 3590 Pleasant Valley Road, Mobile Alabama 36609

(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 2020-2021 school year if it is determined by the parent and school director that it is the appropriate placement for the student.