

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

In addition to explicit and systematic instruction in phonological awareness and phonemic awareness, phonics and word recognition, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension...

- Self-monitoring strategies
- Memory techniques to remember processes
- Explicitly teach and practice skills for organizing, time management and reviewing information

POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE

- Copies of notes (e.g., teacher or peer-provided)
- Note-taking assistance
- Additional time on class assignments and tests
- Reduced/shortened assignments (e.g., chunking assignments into manageable units, fewer items given on a classroom test or homework assignment without eliminating concepts.
- Student planner to assist with assignments
- Alternative test location
- Priority seating assignment
- Oral reading of directions or written material
- Word banks
- Audiobooks
- Text to speech or speech to text
- Electronic spellers or dictionaries
- Charts
- Adaptive learning tools and features in software programs

For further information on state assessments and accommodations, please visit

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment>

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/student-assessment-overview/accommodation-resources>



Contacts for Further Information

Texas Dyslexia Hotline & TEA's Dyslexia Webpage
1-800-232-3030 ext. 1410

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/dyslexia-and-related-disorders>

State Dyslexia Technology Plan
<https://www.region10.org/programs/dyslexia-statewide/techplan/techplan-section-two/>

Lackland ISD District Dyslexia Contact

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Parent Resources



International Dyslexia Association

<http://www.interdys.org>

Bookshare

<https://www.bookshare.org>

Learning Ally

<https://learningally.org/>

Lackland ISD website

<https://www.lacklandisd.net/departments/curriculum-and-instruction/special-programs/dyslexia>

Under Departments/ Curriculum and Instruction/Special Programs/Dyslexia tab

Dyslexia Program Awareness for Parents



What is dyslexia?

How do we assess and identify for dyslexia?

What are some effective strategies for students with dyslexia?

Who delivers intervention for students with dyslexia?

What are some accommodations available for students with dyslexia?

What is the difference between IDEA, Section 504, and RtI?

Who do I contact for information or concerns?



HOW IS DYSLEXIA ASSESSED AND IDENTIFIED?

The law that applies to an individual student is determined by data and the student's individual needs.

If a team determines that the data lead to the suspicion of a disability and that special education services are necessary to provide specially designed instruction, the team must refer the student for an evaluation under IDEA, and all special education procedures must be followed.

If—based on the data—the team suspects that a student has dyslexia or a related disorder but does not believe that special education is necessary to meet the student's needs, the team must refer the student for an evaluation under Section 504.

According to TEC §38.003 (a) all public-school students are required to be screened for dyslexia while in kindergarten and first grade. Additionally, students enrolling in Texas public schools must be assessed for dyslexia and related disorders “at appropriate times.”

Schools must recommend evaluation for dyslexia if the student demonstrates the following:

- Poor performance in one or more areas of reading and spelling that is unexpected for the student's age/grade
- Characteristics and risk factors of dyslexia

When a formal evaluation is recommended, the school must complete the evaluation process as outlined in IDEA or Section 504. Procedural safeguards under IDEA and Section 504 must be followed. Formal evaluations would assess the academic skills and cognitive processes related to dyslexia. Decisions are made by the ARD or the Section 504 committee.

For further information, please refer to the Texas Dyslexia Handbook

The Dyslexia Handbook, 2018 Update

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/dyslexia/>

QUESTIONS FOR DETERMINING DYSLEXIA

1. Do the data show the following characteristics of dyslexia?
 - ◇ Difficulty with accurate and/or fluent word reading
 - ◇ Poor spelling skills
 - ◇ Poor decoding ability
2. Do these difficulties (typically) result from a deficit in the phonological component of language?
3. Are these difficulties unexpected for the student's age in relation to the student's other cognitive abilities and provision of effective classroom instruction?

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RTI/504/IDEA

Response to Intervention is a tiered approach to providing services and interventions at increasing levels of intensity to students who struggle with learning.

Section 504: provides equal opportunity to eligible students with disabilities when compared to their non-disabled peers. Provides support and interventions through general education.

IDEA: ensures that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education. Provides individual supplemental educational services and supports in addition to what is provided to students in the general curriculum to ensure that the child has access to and benefits from the general curriculum.

WHO DELIVERS DYSLEXIA INTERVENTION?



A certified teacher who has been trained in dyslexia and related disorders and the curriculum of instruction.

WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

The current definition from the International Dyslexia Association states:

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

Referenced in 2018 Dyslexia Handbook