

MATHIS ISD DYSLEXIA PROGRAM



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Texas Dyslexia Handbook:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/review-and-support/dyslexia-handbook>

WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

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.

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

- Provide multisensory experiences
- Pre-teach key vocabulary
- Allow time for processing at their own pace
- Graphic Novels
- Provide audio books whenever possible
- Never ask the student to read aloud unless volunteered
- Break down tasks
- Use manipulatives or visual supports
- Encourage speaking and listening before a writing task

POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

ALLOWED FOR STATE TESTING (AS PRESCRIBED BY THE ARD COMMITTEE)

- Reminders to stay on task
- Small group or Individual administration
- Content and language supports
- Text to speech
- Extra time - until the end of the school day
- Oral administration at student request
- Spelling assistance
- Read test questions and answer choices
- Calculation aides including calculator
- Supplemental aides
- Graphic organizers
- Preferential seating
- Assigned scribe assistance for dysgraphia

CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSLEXIA

INCLUDE DIFFICULTIES WITH:

- Mispronouncing words
- Mapping sounds to letters
- Auditory memory for rhymes, songs, and chants
- Blending, segmenting, and manipulating sounds in words
- Reading words in isolation or reading unknown words
- Reading fluency
- Spelling
- Vocabulary acquisition due to reduced independent reading
- Reading comprehension
- Written production

Mathis ISD administers a universal Dyslexia screening of students in kindergarten and first grade. Contact your campus counselor if you suspect a student may have Dyslexia or Dysgraphia.

