

# Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families



## What is Dyslexia?

It is one of the most common learning disabilities. People with dyslexia have trouble learning to read but it's not related to their intelligence or motivation. Children with Dyslexia CAN learn to read. There can be any mix of signs and any one sign DOES NOT mean your child has Dyslexia.

## How does a child in Ohio get screened for Dyslexia?

During the 2023-2024 school year, Ohio schools will screen all children for Dyslexia Risks in Grades K-3. Families or a teacher with family permission can request a Dyslexia Screening in Grades 4-6. Going forward all Kindergarten students will be screened each year. Parents of students in grades 1-6 can request a screening.

## Dyslexia Diagnosis

Schools **WILL NOT** provide a diagnosis of Dyslexia. Diagnosing dyslexia requires testing by a qualified provider such as a neuropsychologist or speech-language pathologist.

## Common Characteristics of Dyslexia

### Preschool

- Delay in learning to talk
- Pronouncing words can be a challenge ("pusgetti for "spaghetti")
- Remembering nursery rhymes can be a challenge
- Difficulty in naming letters/numbers
- Tells stories that are hard to follow

### K-2nd Grade

- Doesn't associate letter/letter combinations with sounds
- Sounding out simple words "cat" is a challenge
- Reads slowly, reads words incorrectly or without expression
- Family history of reading problems

### 3rd-5th Grade

- Better at answering questions about text if it is read aloud
- Skipping/misreading common short words
- Guesses at words because they cannot sound them out
- Writing is a challenge with misspellings
- Difficulty pronouncing words correctly ("mazingine" for "magazine")

### 6th-12th Grade

- Reads slowly, becomes frustrated, doesn't like to read
- Prefers multiple choice questions
- Memorizing facts, lists or directions can be difficult
- Skips parts of words or long words when reading aloud
- Learning another language is challenging

As many as 1 in 5 people have Dyslexia worldwide.

