



Overview of Wisconsin's Guidebook on Dyslexia and Related Conditions (2nd edition)

Purpose of Summary

Provide an overview of [*Wisconsin's Guidebook on Dyslexia and Related Conditions*](#) (WI DPI, 2025).

Background

2019 Wisconsin Act 86 directs the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (WI DPI) to develop, publish, and regularly review a guidebook on dyslexia and related conditions. In collaboration with the International Dyslexia Association–Wisconsin Branch (WIBIDA) and the Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA), WI DPI reviews and updates the guidebook every three years. The guidebook includes screening tools, evidence-based strategies, and resources for educators, families, and students. School districts must link the guidebook to their websites. The purpose is to support understanding of dyslexia and related conditions while promoting evidence-based, inclusive literacy practices.

Development and Revision Process

The WI DPI collaborated with an advisory committee co-chaired by WIBIDA and WSRA for the 2021 and 2025 editions. The committee advises each review cycle; the guidebook does not represent consensus.

Key Updates in the Second Edition

- Aligns to 2023 WI Act 20 and current state literacy requirements.
- Integrates updated research and inclusive practices.
- Enhances organization and readability.
- Expands guidance for Multilingual Learners, Black Students, & Students with IEPs.

Organization of the Guidebook

- Chapter 1 introduces the purpose and organization of the guidebook.
- Chapter 2 provides an overview of reading.
- Chapter 3 defines dyslexia and related conditions.
- Chapter 4 focuses on reading assessments.
- Chapter 5 shares instruction, interventions, and resources for school professionals.
- Chapter 6 identifies resources and services for students and families.
- The Reference List shares resources cited in the guidebook.
- The Appendices offer supplementary resources.

How to use the Guidebook

Readers may use the full guide or select chapters that best fit their needs. Each chapter includes:

- A purpose and an overview.
- A summary of relevant Wisconsin statutes.
- Relevant content and resources.

- A concluding summary.