

*Reading from the Same Page:
Recent Updates to Dyslexia Services and the
Dyslexia Handbook*

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- In 1975, Congress passed what is now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA").
- Under the IDEA, every student who has a "disability" and needs special education and related services is entitled to receive a free, appropriate public education ("FAPE") in the least restrictive environment ("LRE").



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Dyslexia



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Under the IDEA, dyslexia is a “specific learning disability,” meaning a “disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language.”

20 U.S.C. § 1401(30); 34 C.F.R. § 300.8(c)(10).

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Texas Approach to Dyslexia

Dyslexia screeners
Section 504
Special Education



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Timeline of Relevant Events before 2023



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OSEP Findings in 2018

"[R]egardless of whether a child has dyslexia or any other condition explicitly included in" the IDEA's "specific learning disability" definition, "where the child is suspected to need special education and related services, the [school district] must conduct an evaluation in accordance with" the IDEA's implementing regulations.



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