

Arkansas Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Arkansas

12.7%

of public school students received
special education services

19,612 CHILDREN

(ages 6-21) in 2018-19 in Arkansas were
identified as having specific learning
disabilities (SLDs)



Arkansas Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Eligibility Criteria for Specific
Learning Disabilities \(AR DoE\)](#)

[Arkansas Technical Assistance
Manual: Identification of
Students with Learning
Disabilities \(AR DoE\)](#)

Arkansas Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of
Arkansas](#)
- » [Arkansas Department of Education's
Division of Special Education](#)
- » [Center for Exceptional Families](#)
- » [Arkansas' Advisory Council for the
Education of Children with Disabilities](#)
- » [Southwest ADA Center](#)



Federal Laws Protecting the Rights of Students and Adults with Learning Disabilities



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- » Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- » Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- » Americans with Disabilities Act
- » Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- » Every Student Succeeds Act
- » Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia Act

40%

Congress promised to fund the extra cost of special education in 1975 with IDEA

15%

The extra cost of special education that Congress appropriated in 2021

Nationwide

14% or 7 million

public school students received special education in 2017-18

Nationwide

34% or 2.38 million

public school students who received special education services had SLDs



PARENT RESOURCES

- » [What Every Parent Needs to Know About Learning Disabilities](#) (LDA of America)
- » [Developing Your Child's IEP](#) (Center for Parent Information & Resources)
- » [Understanding Special Education](#) (Understood)
- » [A Guide to the IEP](#) (U.S. Department of Education)