

# California Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In California

**26.3%**

of public school students received  
special education services

## 299,652 CHILDREN

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



## California Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

AB 1639 (2015): developed  
dyslexia guidelines

## California Resources

- » [California Department of Education's Special Education Division](#)
- » [Team of Advocates for Special Kids](#)
- » [Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund](#)
- » [Parents Helping Parents](#)
- » [Support for Families of Children with Disabilities](#)
- » [California's Advisory Commission on Special Education](#)
- » [Pacific 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)