

Colorado Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Colorado

10.9%

of public school students received
special education services

41,137 CHILDREN

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



Colorado Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Specific Learning Disability
Guidelines \(CDE, 2019\)](#)

[Specific Learning Disability
Evaluation and Eligibility
\(CDE, 2017\)](#)

Colorado Resources

» [Colorado Department of
Education's Office of Special
Education](#)

» [PEAK Parent Center](#)

» [THRIVE Center](#)

» [Colorado's Special Education
Advisory Committee](#)

» [Rocky Mountain ADA Center](#)



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



- » 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

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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)