

Florida Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Florida
14%
of public school students received
special education services

151,821 CHILDREN

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



Florida Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Exceptional Education Eligibility
for Students with Specific
Learning Disabilities \(2016\)](#)

[General Education Intervention
Procedures, Identification,
Reevaluation and the Initial
Provision of Exceptional
Education Services \(2014\)](#)

Florida Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of Florida](#)
- » [Florida Department of Education Exceptional Student Education](#)
- » [Family Network on Disabilities-Parent Support Network Project](#)
- » [State Advisory Committee for the Education of Exceptional Students](#)
- » [Southeast ADA Center](#)
- » [International Dyslexia Florida Branch](#)



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)