

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



In Iowa

**12.4%**

of public school students received  
special education services

## 36,571 CHILDREN

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



## Iowa Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Special Education Eligibility and  
Evaluation Standards](#) (Iowa  
Department of Education, 2019)

[Special Education Eligibility and  
Evaluation: Q&A for Specific  
Learning Disability](#) (Iowa  
Department of Education, 2019)

## Iowa Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa](#)
- » [Iowa Department of Education's Office  
of Special Education](#)
- » [Access for Special Kids Resource Center](#)
- » [Special Education Advisory Panel](#)
- » [Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#)
- » [Great Plains 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)