

Illinois Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Illinois

13.8%

of public school students received
special education services

100,599 CHILDREN

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



Illinois Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Special Education Eligibility and Entitlement Procedures and Criteria within a RtI Framework: Guidance Document \(ISBE, 2012\)](#)

[Educational Rights and Responsibilities: Understanding Special Education in Illinois \(ISBE, 2009\)](#)

Illinois Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois](#)
- » [Illinois State Board of Education – Special Education](#)
- » [Family Matters](#)
- » [Family Resource Center on Disabilities](#)
- » [Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- » [Great Lakes 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

14.1% or 7.1 million

public school students received special education in 2017-18

Nationwide

33% or 2.38 million

public school students who received special education services had SLDs in 2018-19

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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)
- » [A Guide to the IEP](#) (U.S. Department of Education)