

Louisiana Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Louisiana

10.6%

of public school students received
special education services

26,594 CHILDREN

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



Louisiana Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Guide to Dyslexia in Louisiana](#)
(Louisiana Department of
Education)

[Louisiana's Educational Rights of
Children with Disabilities: Special
Education Processes + Procedural
Safeguards](#) (Louisiana
Department of Education, 2020)

Louisiana Resources

- » [Louisiana Department of Education's
Office of Students with Disabilities](#)
- » [Louisiana Parent Training and
Information Center](#)
- » [Pyramid Community Parent Resource](#)
- » [State Education Advisory Panel](#)
- » [Louisiana Vocational Rehabilitation
Program](#)
- » [Southwest 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)