

Mississippi Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Mississippi

12.9%

of public school students received
special education services

17,151 CHILDREN

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



Mississippi Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[State Policies Regarding Children
with Disabilities under the
Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act \(MS DoE, 2013\)](#)

[HB 1031](#) – requires K-3 students
to be screened for dyslexia (2012)

Mississippi Resources

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

» [MS Parent Training and
Information Center](#)

» [Special Education Advisory Panel](#)

» [Mississippi Department of
Rehabilitation Services](#)

» [Southeast 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)