

North Carolina Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In North Carolina

11.9%

of public school students received
special education services

72,095 CHILDREN

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



North Carolina Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[SLD Policies Addendum](#) (NC DPI,
2020)

[HB 149](#) – identification of
students with dyslexia and
dyscalculia (2017)

[NC Policies Governing Services
for Children with Disabilities](#) (NC
DPI. 2017)

North Carolina Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina](#)
- » [North Carolina Office of Public Instruction's Office of Exceptional Children](#)
- » [Council on Education Services for Exceptional Children](#)
- » [Exceptional Children's Assistance Center](#)
- » [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)