

New York Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



LDA
Learning Disabilities
Association of America

In New York

17.4%

of public school students received
special education services

166,558 CHILDREN

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



New York Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Students with Disabilities Resulting
from Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and
Dyscalculia: Q&A \(NYSED, 2018\)](#)

[Identification of Students with
Learning Disabilities: Within a Multi-
Tiered System of Support \(NYSED\)](#)

[Guidance on Chapter 216 of the Laws
of 2017 \(2018\)](#)

New York Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of New York](#)
- » [New York State Education Department's Office
of Special Education](#)
- » [Commissioner's Advisory Panel for Special
Education Services](#)
- » [Advocates for Children of New York](#)
- » [IncludeNYC](#)
- » [Long Island Advocacy Center](#)
- » [Starbridge](#)
- » [Northeast 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)