

Pennsylvania Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



LDA
Learning Disabilities
Association of America

In Pennsylvania

16.8%

of public school students received
special education services

120,625 CHILDREN

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



Pennsylvania Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

Act 37 of 2018 - expanded
existing dyslexia screening and
early literacy intervention pilot
program

Pennsylvania's Guidelines for
Identifying Students with SLDs
(Pennsylvania Department of
Education, 2008)

Pennsylvania Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania](#)
- » [Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education](#)
- » [Pennsylvania Parent Guide to Special Education
for School Age Children](#) (Pennsylvania Training
and Technical Assistance Network)
- » [Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership
Center](#)
- » [Pennsylvania's Special Education Advisory Panel](#)
- » [Mid-Atlantic 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)