

Tennessee Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



LDA
Learning Disabilities
Association of America

In Tennessee

14.0%

of public school students received
special education services

37,630 CHILDREN

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



Tennessee Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

Standards for Special
Education Evaluation &
Eligibility (TN DoE, 2017)

Public Chapter 1058 of the
Acts of 2016 – requires school
districts to screen for dyslexia

Tennessee Resources

- » Tennessee Department of Education's
Office of Special Education
- » Advisory Council for the Education of
Students with Disabilities
- » Dyslexia Advisory Council
- » Support and Training for Exceptional
Parents
- » 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)