

## Utah Parent and Families

# RESOURCE GUIDE

*to Learning Disabilities*



**LDA**  
Learning Disabilities  
Association of America

In Utah

**11.6%**

of public school students received  
special education services

# 35,105 CHILDREN

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



## Utah Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Specific Learning Disabilities Eligibility  
Guidelines \(UT SBOE, 2019\)](#)

[Process and Timeline for Special  
Education Evaluation of Students in  
Schools where Response to  
Intervention \(RtI\) or Tiered Instruction  
is Utilized in Order to Provide Effective  
Instruction to all Students Memo  
\(Utah SoE, 2011\)](#)

## Utah Resources

- » [Learning Disabilities Association of  
Utah](#)
- » [Utah State Board of Education's  
Office of Special Education Services](#)
- » [Utah Special Education Advisory  
Panel](#)
- » [Utah Parent Center](#)
- » [Rocky Mountain 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

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# 40%

# 15%

Congress promised to fund the extra cost of special education in 1975 with IDEA

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



## 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)