

Virginia Parent and Families RESOURCE GUIDE *to Learning Disabilities*



In Virginia

12.3%

of public school students received
special education services

55,558 CHILDREN

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



Virginia Learning Disabilities Laws & Guidelines

[Virginia's Guidelines for Educating
Students with Specific Learning
Disabilities](#) (VA DoE, 2017)

[Dyslexia FAQs](#) (VA DoE, 2017)

[HB 842](#) – requires dyslexia training for
licensure/license renewal (2016)

[Regulations Governing Special Education
Programs for Children with Disabilities](#)
(VA DoE, 2010)

Virginia Resources

» [Learning Disabilities Association of
Virginia](#)

» [Virginia Department of Education's
Office of Special Education](#)

» [State Special Education Advisory
Committee](#)

» [Parent Educational Advocacy
Training Center](#)

» [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)