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SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY

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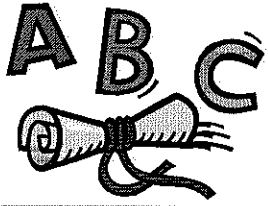
What does a Specific Learning Disability look like?

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What is a Specific Learning Disability?

According to The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):

A Specific Learning Disability (SLD) means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself in imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations.

The term includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia.

Individuals with SLD generally have average intelligence, however they do not achieve at the same academic level as their peers.



What and how does a learning disability affect an individual?

Individuals with SLD have significant academic skill deficits in:

Reading

Individuals who struggle in reading show difficulties in decoding or recognizing words and understanding words.

Written language

Written language deficits can occur in handwriting, spelling, sentence structure, vocabulary usage, and organization of written ideas.

Math

Math deficits may appear in difficulties copying shapes, recalling math facts, and relating math terms to meaning.



Resources/Programs

Most students with SLD receive general education classes along with services in a resource room. The Individual Education Team (IEPT) will select the best program to meet the students' needs.

The IEPT may include a psychologist, a social worker, and a speech language pathologist; the team will always include the parent, student special and general education teacher.

Eligibility is a team effort and consists of a variety of assessment tools and strategies.