



## LEARNING DISABILITIES

Some disabilities are called **Learning Disabilities**. Any disability can cause learning and behavior challenges. But learning disabilities always make it harder to learn at school.

Schools must provide help for children with learning disabilities. Our guides on Student Support Teams, Section 504 Plans, and Special Education and IEPs provide more information.

### What are some learning disabilities?

#### Dyslexia

Children with dyslexia have trouble matching sounds to written words. These children may have challenges with reading comprehension, spelling, and writing. Sometimes children with dyslexia can't answer questions about something they read even though they can answer questions about something that you read to them.

#### Dysgraphia

Children with dysgraphia have trouble writing, typing, and spelling. They may have very messy handwriting. They may struggle to hold and control a pencil. Dysgraphia is also called **Impairment in Written Expression**.

#### Dyscalculia

These children have trouble with math. They may not understand concepts like bigger and smaller. They may have trouble understanding that the numeral 5 is the same thing as the word *five*.



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### Auditory Processing Disorder

Children with auditory processing disorder may have trouble understanding speech. They may have trouble ignoring background noise and remembering things they heard. They may have trouble following instruction. They often need you to repeat what you said. These children have these troubles even if their hearing is fine.

### Nonverbal Learning Disability

Children with nonverbal learning disability have trouble understanding body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice. They often have trouble making friends.