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Dyslexia Specific Legislation/Laws/Procedures/Testing Protocol



Has Dyslexia Legislation? Yes

Screening Requirement? Yes

Pre-service Requirement? No

In-service Requirement? No

Intervention Requirement? Yes

Has a State Dyslexia Handbook (As of December 2020)? Yes

Has Literacy State-Identified Measurable Result (SIMR)? Yes

<https://improvingliteracy.org/state-of-dyslexia/washington>

CALTs Registered in the State (As of December 2020)? 6

Dyslexia Support Rating: Average

Legislation:

SB 6162, 2018

- Defines dyslexia as a specific learning disorder
- Schools must provide a multitiered system of support to provide interventions for students in K-2nd grade who display indications of dyslexia
- Schools must screen students in K-2nd grade for indications of dyslexia
- Creates a dyslexia advisory council to advise the superintendent on matters relating to dyslexia in an academic setting

<http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/6162-S2.PL.pdf>

Total Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT) as of December 2020: 6

Washington State Dyslexia Resource Guide (2011):

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/ela/pubdocs/dyslexiaresourceguide.pdf>

Does dyslexia MOST COMMONLY fall under 504 or Special Education? Students can qualify for special education as an SLD under IDEA

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Dyslexia On Demand Says “You need to make sure to push for your child to be tested under Special Education vs. 504 for the protection of your child and your parental rights”.

How is dyslexia testing handled in the state? School must screen students K-2nd grade for indicators of dyslexia

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Dyslexia On Demand Says “For those with extra money or a great health insurance, consider getting a comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation from a private neuropsychologist who works with children. If you are located next to a major children’s hospital, you likely can find someone great there. Make sure your public school will admit the outside report.

For everyone else, you can secure a free evaluation through the Washington public school system. Request a Full and Individual Evaluation (FIE) through your school citing your concern for dyslexia, specifically. If you home school or attend a private school, you still have access to these services at the public school you are zoned to.

Do not take “no” for an answer. Here are some common push back excuses that may be received. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), federal law requires parents to complete this request.

- We do not recognize dyslexia – that is a medical issue.
- We will not complete the evaluation since your child is not failing
- We will not complete the evaluation because your child has not completed the intervention programs we are trying
- We will not complete the evaluation because your child is in the Gifted Program
- We will not complete the evaluation for special education because all your child needs is a 504 Plan so he or she can get accommodations.

If any of this occurs, consider finding an advocate or an attorney to discuss possible next steps.

Read our blog on this topic: <https://www.dyslexiaondemand.com/the-special-education-process-the-real-truth/>

CALT Training Facilities (IMSLEC Accredited):

Scottish Rite Facilities In State (for Potential Education and Testing):

Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders

Kennewick, WA 509-586-9792

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Olympia, WA 360-357-5933

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Seattle, WA 206-324-6293

Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders

Spokane, WA 509-838-2310

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