

I think my child may have dyslexia. Now what?

There are many reasons why a child might struggle with reading. If you think your child may have dyslexia, the first step is to talk to your child's classroom teacher. The teacher can talk with you about your concerns and the process of referring a child for dyslexia screening. Not all children with reading difficulties have dyslexia, so not all struggling readers will be tested for dyslexia. Depending on your child's needs, the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD has a wide range of testing and intervention options available to help your child become the best reader they can be!



Helpful Resources

Texas Education Agency
Dyslexia Handbook:
<http://www.region10.org/dyslexia/links/dyslexia-handbook-english/>

Learning Ally:
<https://www.learningally.org>

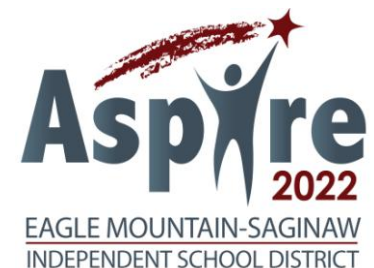
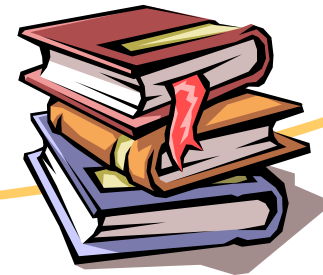
National Center for Learning Disabilities: <http://www.nclد.org>



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Dyslexia Services for Elementary School Students



What is Dyslexia?

Mary works so hard at reading, but it just never gets easier. She knows she's smart so why can't she read like the other kids? Mary has a learning disability called dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a learning disability that makes it more difficult to read, write, or spell. Someone with dyslexia has trouble processing letters and sounds.

Anyone can have dyslexia and it has nothing to do with intelligence. Dyslexia does not interfere with one's ability to think or understand complex ideas.

There's no cure for dyslexia. It's a lifelong condition caused by inherited traits that affect how your brain works. However, children with dyslexia can succeed in school. Tutoring, a specialized education program, and assistance in the classroom can all make a big difference. Emotional support also plays an important role.

Services

Students in the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD who have been identified with dyslexia may be eligible for our comprehensive Dyslexia Therapy Program, as well as special assistance and interventions in the classroom.

At the elementary level, eligible students will receive a minimum of three hours a week of small group dyslexia therapy. Classes are instructed by specially trained Dyslexia Therapists. The goal of therapy is to prepare students for successful, independent reading.

Dyslexia Therapists utilize a specially designed curriculum called *"Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia."* The curriculum targets the unique learning styles and literacy needs of students with dyslexia.

Students typically receive one to two years of therapy, depending on the needs of the individual child.



Section 504

Section 504 is part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is a civil rights law that protects disabled individuals from discrimination. Students with dyslexia will be evaluated to determine if they are Section 504 eligible. For more information, contact your child's school.

Helpful Tips

- Read to your child every night! Listening to good reading helps children learn to read!
- Get your child a public library card. The children's librarian can help your child find books on topics that interest them.
- Get involved. There are many national groups that advocate for the rights and education of students with dyslexia. Your voice matters!