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# Dyslexia Awareness
# & Education Advocacy

Dyslexic thinking can bring unique skills, perspectives, and creativity to the table.
Reframing our perceptions - dyslexia as a gift (by Made by Dyslexia)

- Share with Schools:
  https://www.madebydyslexia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ConnectTheSpotsReport.pdf
- Here is a workplace guide:
  https://www.madebydyslexia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Join-The-Dots-Workplace-Guide-1.pdf

**Be informed:**

- California Law - SB 237 requires dyslexia screening by 6/30/2022   Today's Dyslexia Law As Amended
- CA Statewide Dyslexia Resolution California State PTA Adopts Statewide Dyslexia Resolution
- International Dyslexia Association:  IDA,  IDA Dyslexia Handbook: What Every Family Should Know
- Northern California International Dyslexia Association - IDA Northern California
- Understood - Dyslexia Laws: What They Are and How They Work
- Understood videos about Dyslexia - Dyslexia Videos: Personal Stories and Expert Insights
- California Dyslexia Guidelines - California Dyslexia Guidelines - (CA Dept of Education) (23+ states have Dyslexia Guidelines)
- What is Dyslexia video by Understood

**Assistive Technology (AT) for Dyslexia:**

AT includes devices, applications, and strategies that support literacy like access to reading rulers, digitized text or textbooks, text-to-speech support, dictation for writing, or smart word prediction programs. Writing support may include visual organizers and mind-mapping aids paired with appropriate strategies and training.

Helpful custom settings include adjustments for fonts, letter size, letter spacing, levelized text, etc.. More and more we find literacy tools built-in with a device's operating system, programs, and browsers. Areas to consider literacy supports include:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Organization of ideas
- Note-taking
- Time management

Assistive technologies can be very helpful for students to access or produce larger volumes of reading/writing material as required in older grades or post-secondary schools.
It is important that assistive technologies do not replace effective Structured Literacy instruction in reading, spelling, and writing.  Structured Literacy instruction can help all learners, especially struggling readers, to learn to read accurately and fluently.

Lists of AT to help individuals with dyslexia:

- PHP's ePackets (various topics) and eLearning Video Library
- Assistive Technology for Kids with Learning Disabilities: An Overview
- Assistive Technology for Dyslexia – Good Sensory Learning
- Assistive Technology for Reading
- Tools & Technology - Yale Dyslexia
- Software & Assistive Technology | University of Michigan