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## Dyslexia Awareness & Education Advocacy

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

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

## Be informed:

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



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## 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 <u>Structured Literacy instruction</u> 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 <u>ePackets</u> (various topics) and <u>eLearning</u> 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

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