

What If I Suspect My Child Has Dyslexia?

First and foremost, discuss your concerns with your child's classroom teacher. Share information about your child's development and observations of your child at home and with homework. Ask if the teacher has any similar concerns.

If your child is receiving reading intervention through the Specialized Reading Program, discuss your concerns with your child's interventionist as well.

Sharing information often leads to a mutual decision to pursue an evaluation.

All requests for evaluations are processed through the 504 Coordinator or ARD Committee. A child being referred for a dyslexia assessment will be evaluated under either Section 504 or Special Education.

Parents also have the right to request a Full Individual Evaluation for special education under IDEA 2004.

If you think your child's learning problems are related to a disability, you have the right to request an evaluation for special education at any time. To do this, provide a *written* request for the evaluation to the administrator at your child's school. Your rights will be explained to you. The school must respond to your request in 15 school days.

1. If the school agrees that a disability is suspected, it will begin the evaluation process. You will receive a booklet about your rights. You will be asked to give written permission for testing. Your child can continue to receive intervention.
2. If the school does not agree, you will receive a written explanation of the rationale for not testing. Your child can continue to receive intervention.