

Dyslexia Basic Fact Sheet

A substantial number of well-intentioned boys and girls—including very bright ones—experience significant difficulty in learning to read....

through no fault of their own!!

This frustrating and persistent problem in learning to read is called ***dyslexia***.

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The Facts!

85% of the children with learning disabilities are dyslexic

A learning disability can affect a person's self-image.

Students with dyslexia often end up feeling "dumb" and less capable than they actually are.

Dyslexia occurs in approximately 10 in every 100. Each of these ten is an individual entitled to the best that education has to offer.

Dyslexia affects a person's self-image ***for life***

In some states, the term dyslexia is disallowed in educational practice. In others, such as Texas and Louisiana, schools are required to identify and provide services to students who may not be eligible for special education under other categories of handicap, but who nevertheless require designed instruction in reading and writing.

What does Ohio have to offer to these students?

Dyslexia is not due to lack of intelligence or desire to learn.

Dyslexics learn differently. They respond to expert, informed instruction.

The provision of this instruction remains our ***greatest challenge***.

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