

7 MYTHS ABOUT DYSLEXIA

MYTH

Reading or writing letters backward.



FACT

Reversing letters is part of a child's development. If your child is still reversing letters by the end of first grade or later, this could indicate the need for further investigation.

MYTH

Dyslexia is rare.

FACT

The prevalence of dyslexia is estimated to be between 5-20%. Approximately 80% of students in Special Education have a reading-related learning disability.



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Dyslexia cannot be identified until 3rd grade

FACT

Characteristics of dyslexia can be identified early. In fact, early identification is key so that students receive ample time for appropriate intervention. Many states have enacted legislation requiring all Kindergarten and Grade 1 students to be screened for dyslexia.

MYTH

Dyslexia goes away once children learn to read.

FACT

While appropriate intervention can greatly benefit students with dyslexia in obtaining the necessary skills for reading, dyslexia is a lifelong learning difference.

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Kids with dyslexia just need to work harder.

FACT

It is not the effort, but the type of intervention and instruction that moves the needle for students with dyslexia.



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Dyslexia is a vision issue.

FACT

Dyslexia is not a vision issue. fMRI studies of the brain have shown the differences between students with and without dyslexia exist in the pathways where reading develops in the brain. Intervention can help students with dyslexia to create new pathways that enable them to develop necessary reading skills.



MYTH

Dyslexia only occurs in the English language.

FACT

Dyslexia has been studied in most languages and around the world. Given the structure of the language, dyslexia may look a little different; however, it is not identified in English alone.



FACT

Dyslexia does not discriminate.

It can be identified in people of all backgrounds, intellectual levels, and stages of life. People with dyslexia can be very intelligent and are often gifted in areas such as art, computer science, design, drama, electronics, math, mechanics, music, physics, sales, and sports.

FACT

Dyslexia can be hereditary.

Parents with dyslexia are likely to have children with dyslexia.

We're Here to Help!

Comfort, clarity, and fortified determination are just some of the benefits that come from building a community.

Families, Educators & Dyslexia Professionals

The Family Support Office provides resources and referral services to families as a welcomed first step in unlocking a path to reading success.

Dyslexia Specialists & Professionals

Neuhaus Education Center offers two Dyslexia Certification Pathways.

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You Can Help Your Child Booklet

Learn how families can help their child with dyslexia.

Texas Dyslexia Handbook

Dyslexia guidelines for school identification and services.

Neuhaus Education Center Research Guide

Provides guidance on practice-based professional development classes and curriculum components.

Frequently Asked Questions

Find the answers to the most frequently asked questions for families with struggling readers.

Contact Us

Connect with one of our Family Support Coordinators from the Family Support Office! Email us at NeuhausFSO@neuhaus.org or call (713) 664-7676.

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