SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY

Authorities: 20 USC §§ 1021, 7801; 34 CFR Part 300; and 19 TAC Chapter 89

	Additional Resources
	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	The child must be assessed in all areas of suspected disability.
<u>Practice</u>	Citations:
	300.304(c)(4)
Practice	The group must comply with the <u>EVALUATION PROCEDURES</u> framework.
	In Texas, the group of qualified professionals that determines whether
<u>Practice</u>	the child is a child with a disability and the educational needs of the child
	is the child's <u>ADMISSION</u> , <u>REVIEW</u> , <u>AND DISMISSAL COMMITTEE</u> .
	EVALUATION PROCEDURES
	Specific learning disability (SLD) is a disorder in one or more of the basic
	psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language,
	spoken or written, that may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to
<u>Practice</u>	listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations:
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(A)
	300.8(c)(10)
	The term includes conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain
	injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental
Practice	aphasia; and
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	Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(A)
	300.8(c)(10)(i)
	The term does not include a learning problem that is primarily the
	result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of an intellectual
	disability, or emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural,
Dunation	or economic disadvantage.
Practice	or economic disadvantage.
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(A)
	300.8(c)(10)(ii)
	Dyslexia is an example of and meets the definition of a specific learning disability.
<u>Practice</u>	Citations
	<u>Citations:</u> TEC 29.0031

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	The group of qualified professionals that collects or reviews evaluation
	data in connection with the determination of the child's eligibility based
Document	on an SLD must include:
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)
	300.308
	The child's regular teacher; or
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)(i)
	300.308(a)(1)
	If the child does not have a regular teacher, a regular classroom
	teacher qualified to teach children of this age; or
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	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)(ii)
	300.308(a)(2)
	For a child whose age is less than school age, an individual qualified by the Toyon Education Agency to toogh shildren of this age, and
	by the Texas Education Agency to teach children of this age; and
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)(iii)
	300.308(a)(3)
	 At least one person qualified to conduct individual diagnostic
	examinations of children such as:
Document	
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)
	300.308(b)
	 A licensed specialist in school psychology;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E)
	300.308(b)
	 A speech-language pathologist; or
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(E) 300.308(b)
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	Citations:

FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
89.1040(c)(9)(E)
If a local education agency (LEA) suspects or has a reason to suspect that a child may have dyslexia, the multidisciplinary evaluation team must include at least one member with specific knowledge regarding the reading process, dyslexia and related disorders, and dyslexia instruction who:
Citations: TEC 29.0031(a) TEC 29.0031(b)
 Holds a licensed dyslexia therapist license;
<u>Citations:</u> TEC 29.0031(b)(1)
 Holds the most advanced dyslexia-related certification issued by an association recognized by the State Board of Education (SBEC), and identified in, or substantially similar to an association; or
<u>Citations:</u> <u>TEC 29.0031(b)(2)</u>
 If a member is not available with those credentials, the multidisciplinary evaluation team must include a member who meets the applicable training requirements adopted by the SBEC.
<u>Citations:</u> <u>TEC 29.0031(b)(3)</u>
The member of the multidisciplinary evaluation team with specific knowledge regarding the reading process, dyslexia and related disorders, and dyslexia instruction must sign a document describing the member's participation in the evaluation of the child.
<u>Citations:</u> TEC 29.0031(c)
OBSERVATION
The LEA must ensure that the child is observed in the child's learning environment, including the regular classroom setting, to document the child's academic performance and behavior in the areas of difficulty. Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(D) 300.310(a)

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	In determining whether the child has an SLD, the admission, review, and
	dismissal committee must decide to either:
<u>Practice</u>	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(D)
	300.310(b)
	Use information from an observation in routine classroom instruction and manifering of the shild's performance that was
	instruction and monitoring of the child's performance that was
Practice	done before the child was referred for an evaluation; or
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(D)
	300.310(b)(1)
	Have at least one member of the group conduct an observation of
	the child's academic performance in the regular classroom after the
	child has been referred for an evaluation and <u>CONSENT</u> is obtained
Practice	from the <u>PARENT</u> .
Tractice	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(D)
	300.310(b)(2)
	300.300(a)
	For the child less than school age or out of school, a member of the group
	of qualified professionals must observe the child in an environment
Document	appropriate for a child of that age.
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(D) 300.310(c)
	The documentation of the determination of an SLD eligibility must contain
D	a statement of:
Document	Citations:
	300.311(a)
	 The relevant behavior, if any, noted during the observation of the
	child; and
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	Citations: 300 311(a)(3)
	300.311(a)(3) The relationship of that behavior to the shild's academic
	The relationship of that behavior to the child's academic functioning.
Document	functioning.
	Citations:
	300.311(a)(3)

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	DETERMINANT FACTORS
Practice	As part of the evaluation, and in order to ensure that underachievement by the child suspected of having an SLD is not due to lack of appropriate instruction in reading or math, the group of qualified professionals must consider: Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C) 300.309(b)
Practice	 Data that demonstrates the child was provided appropriate instruction in reading and/or math in the general education settings delivered by qualified personnel; and Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C)(i) 300.309(b)(1) 20 USC 1021(7)
<u>Practice</u>	 Data-based documentation of repeated assessments of achievement at reasonable intervals, reflecting formal evaluation of progress of the child during instruction, which was provided to the parent of the child. Data-based documentation of repeated assessments may include, but is not limited to:
	Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C)(ii) 300.309(b)(2)
<u>Practice</u>	 Response to intervention (Rtl) progress monitoring results; Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C)(ii)
<u>Practice</u>	 In-class tests on grade-level curriculum; or Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C)(ii)
<u>Practice</u>	 Other regularly administered assessments. Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(C)(ii)
<u>Practice</u>	 Intervals are considered reasonable if consistent with the assessment requirements of the child's specific instructional program.

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(C)(ii) PARTICIPATION IN THE RTI PROCESS
	If the child suspected of having an SLD participated in a process that
	assesses the child's response to evidence-based intervention,
Document	the documentation of the determination of eligibility must contain a
	statement of: Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)
	The instructional strategies used and the child-centered data
	collected; and
Document	conected, and
	Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)(i)
	• The documentation that the parent of the child was notified about:
Document	
	Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)(ii)
	The state's policies regarding the amount and nature of The state's policies regarding the amount and nature of
	performance data of the child that would be collected, and
Document	the general education services that would be provided;
	Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)(ii)(A)
	 Strategies for increasing the child's rate of learning; and
Document	
Document	Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)(ii)(B)
	 The parent's right to request an evaluation.
Document	Citations:
	300.311(a)(7)(ii)(C)
	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
	A child with an SLD impairment is one:
Document	Citations:
Document	89.1040(c)(9)(B)
	300.309(a)
	 Who has been determined through a variety of assessment tools
Document	and strategies to meet the criteria for the SLD stated above;

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(i)
	 Who does not achieve adequately for the child's age or to meet
	state-approved grade-level standards, in one or more of the
	following areas:
<u>Document</u>	
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	300.309(a)(1)
	 Oral expression;
Document	Citations
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(I)
	300.309(a)(1)(i)
	Written expression;
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	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(III)
	300.309(a)(1)(iii)
	 Listening comprehension;
Document	Citations
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(II)
	300.309(a)(1)(ii)
	Basic reading skills;
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Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(IV)
	300.309(a)(1)(iv)
	 Reading fluency skills;
Document	Citations
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(V)
	300.309(a)(1)(v)
	Reading comprehension;
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Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VI)
	300.309(a)(1)(vi)
D	 Mathematics calculation; or
Document	Citations
	Citations:

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VII)
	300.309(a)(1)(vii)
	 Mathematics problem-solving;
Document	Citations:
<u>Doddinon</u>	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VIII)
	300.309(a)(1)(viii)
	Whose lack of adequate achievement is indicated by performance
	on multiple measures such as:
<u>Practice</u>	
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	∘ In-class tests;
<u>Practice</u>	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	 Grade average over time (e.g., six weeks, semester);
Practice	
<u>1 Tactice</u>	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	 Norm- or criterion-referenced tests;
<u>Practice</u>	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	Statewide assessments; or
Practice	,
<u>I Tactice</u>	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	 A process based on the child's response to evidence-based
Practice	intervention;
Fractice	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	Who does not make sufficient progress under the additional criteria
	of the <u>Rtl Model</u> or the child meets the additional criteria under
Practice	the <u>Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses Mode</u> l.
1 Tactice	
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)
	RTI MODEL

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	When applying the Rtl Model, a finding that the child meets the for an SLD
	must include a determination that, when provided a process based on the
	child's response to evidence-based intervention, the child did not make
	sufficient progress to meet age or state-approved grade-level standards in
<u>Practice</u>	one or more of these areas:
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	300.309(a)(2)(i) 300.311(a)
	Oral expression;
	Oral expression,
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(I)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	Listening comprehension;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(II)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	Written expression;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(III)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	Basic reading;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(IV)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	Reading fluency skills;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(V)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	Reading comprehension;
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VI)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
5	Mathematics calculation; or
Document	Citations:
	Citations.

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VII)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	 Mathematics problem solving.
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Documen	Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(B)(ii)(VIII)
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	PATTERN OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
	When applying the pattern of strengths and weaknesses model, to find
	that the child meets the <u>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</u> for an SLD, a determination
<u>Practice</u>	must be made that:
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(I)
	The child exhibits a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in:
Practice	Citations:
Tractice	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	300.309(a)(2)(ii)
	o Performance;
	o renormance,
Practice	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	300.309(a)(2)(ii)
	o Achievement; or
Practice	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	300.309(a)(2)(ii)
	o Both;
Practice	Citations:
<u>1 Tactice</u>	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	300.309(a)(2)(ii)
	The pattern is relative to:
Practice	Citations
rractice	Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)
	300.309(a)(2)(ii)
	∘ Age;
Practice	
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iii)(II)

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	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(IV)
	300.311(a)(6)
	Environmental or economic disadvantage; or
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(V)
	300.311(a)(6)
	Limited English proficiency.
	Citations:
Document	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(VI)
	300.311(a)(6) 300.27
	20 USC 7801(20)
	The group of qualified professionals must determine that its findings are
	not primarily the result of:
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(A)
	300.309(a)(3)
	 A visual, hearing, or motor disability;
Document	Citations:
Восинск	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(I)
	300.309(a)(3)(i)
	An intellectual disability;
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	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(II) 300.309(a)(3)(ii)
	Emotional disturbance;
	• Littotional disturbance,
Document	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(III)
	300.309(a)(3)(iii)
	Cultural factors;
Document	Citationa
Document	Citations: 89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(IV)
	300.309(a)(3)(iv)
	Environmental or economic disadvantage; or
Document	3 1
	Citations:

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(V)
	300.309(a)(3)(v)
	 Limited English proficiency.
	Citations:
	89.1040(c)(9)(B)(iv)(VI)
	300.309(a)(3)(vi)
	300.27
	20 USC 7801(20)
	ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION The desumentation of the determination of eligibility must contain a
	The documentation of the determination of eligibility must contain a statement of:
<u>Document</u>	Citations:
	300.311(a)
	Whether the child has an SLD;
Document	
	Citations:
	 300.311(a)(1) The basis for making the determination, including an assurance
	that the determination has been made in accordance
D	with <u>EVALUATION PROCEDURES</u> ; and
Document	With EVALOATION ROCEDONES, and
	Citations:
	300.311(a)(2)
	 The educationally relevant medical findings, if any.
Document	Citations:
	300.311(a)(4)
	Each member of the group of qualified professionals must certify in
	writing whether the report reflects the member's conclusion.
Bocument	Citations:
	300.311(b)
Document	If the report does not reflect a group member's conclusion, that group
	member must submit a separate statement presenting the member's conclusion.
Document	Citations:
	300.311(b)
	Whose lack of adequate performance is not primarily the result
Practice	of <u>Exclusionary Factors</u> ; and
	Citations:

	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
	300.309(a)(3)
	Whose lack of adequate achievement is not due to <u>Determinant</u> <u>Factors</u> .
<u>Practice</u>	Citations
	Citations: 300.309(b)

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