

DYSLEXIA WARNING SIGNS

If your child has 3 or more of the following warning signs, he/she may have dyslexia.

In Preschool

- delayed speech
- mixing up the sounds and syllables in long words
- chronic ear infections
- constant confusion of left versus right
- late establishing a dominant hand
- difficulty learning to tie shoes
- trouble memorizing their address, phone number, or the alphabet
- unable to create words that rhyme
- a close relative with dyslexia

In Elementary School

- dysgraphia (slow, non-automatic handwriting that is difficult to read)
- letter or number reversals continuing past the end of first grade
- extreme difficulty learning cursive
- slow, choppy, inaccurate reading:
 - guesses based on shape or context
 - skips or misreads prepositions (at, to, of)
 - ignores suffixes
 - can't sound out unknown words
- terrible spelling
- often can't remember sight words (they, were, does) or homonyms (their, they're, and there)
- difficulty telling time with a clock with hands

Elementary School Continued

- trouble with math
 - memorizing multiplication tables
 - memorizing a sequence of steps
 - directionality
- when speaking, difficulty finding the correct word
 - lots of "whatyamacallits" and "thingies"
 - common sayings come out slightly twisted
- extremely messy bedroom, backpack, and desk
- dreads going to school
 - complains of stomach aches or headaches
 - may have nightmares about school

In High School

All of the symptoms mentioned in Preschool and Elementary School plus:

- limited vocabulary
- extremely poor written expression
 - large discrepancy between verbal skills and written compositions
- unable to master a foreign language
- difficulty reading printed music
- poor grades in many classes
- may drop out of high school



If you believe your child may have dyslexia, we can help. Give us a call or send us an email to schedule your free consultation.

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