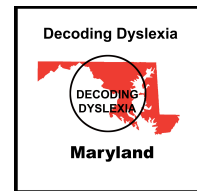


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Are you having difficulty getting your student with dyslexia the help they need?

Know your rights and work with your school to get your student the reading, writing and math support they need. If this doesn't work, please learn more about dispute resolution and the laws that pertain to Specific Learning Disability Identification in Maryland.

Specific Learning Disability Identification Process in Maryland¹

[Powerpoint Presentation, MSDE, SLD Identification](#)

[Definition of SLD](#)

Maryland IDEA Dispute Resolution Processes

1. [Due Process Complaint FAQs](#)
2. [Facilitated IEP Team Meetings](#)
3. [Dispute Resolution Comparison Chart](#)

Maryland Special Education Complaint Forms & Procedures

IDEA Part C: Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Services

[Special Education State Complaint Form, Part C of IDEA & COMAR 13A.13.01.11 and .12 \(Birth to age 3\)](#)

IDEA Part B: Special Education Services: Part B of IDEA and COMAR

1. Complaint Form: [Part B of IDEA and COMAR 13A.05.01.15](#)
2. [Procedures to File the Form](#) for Part B
3. [FAQs about State Complaints](#)

[Precedent: State Complaints and Letters of Finding, Maryland, 2015](#)

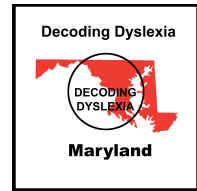
[Due Process Hearing Decisions, 2015](#)

US Department of Education Guidance Letters

4. [DOE Guidance & Dear Colleague Letter 10.23.15 Guidance on Dyslexia](#)
5. [DOE Guidance on Access by Students with Disabilities to Accelerated Programs](#)
6. [DOE Guidance on SLD Identification & Response to Intervention](#) (RTI should not delay/deny identification process of SWD)

¹ Based on Federal Law, IDEA 2004

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Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

[How to File a Discrimination Complaint Form](#)

[OCR Complaint Form](#)

If parents believe a public agency is retaliating against them or their child, or believe that their child is being discriminated on the basis of the handicapping condition, they may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. Those complaints should be submitted to:

Office for Civil Rights
United States Department of Education Philadelphia Office
Wanamaker Building, Suite 515
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107

- There is a 180 day statute of limitations for complaints
- Complaints can be filed as a class/group: if something happens to more than one person, it could be grounds for a class discrimination.

Private Resources

[Maryland Disability Law Center](#) – this is a free service. Ms. Joseph has experience with dyslexia law and is a disability attorney. She can provide input as to whether there is a case, the best recourse for the situation and refer to attorneys.

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[Special Education Rights: A Handbook for Parents and Families, MDLC](#)

FURTHER READING

[Components of Comprehensive Literacy Instruction](#)

[Dyslexia Specific Resources](#)

[From Emotions to Advocacy](#)

[IDEA Dispute Resolution Chart](#)

[The Differences Between IDEA and Section 504, Wright's Law](#)

[Using the Woodcock Johnson IV for the Assessment of Dyslexia](#)

[NCLD Position Statement on Determination of SLD](#)

[Decoding Dyslexia Maryland Website](#)

[Decoding Dyslexia Email](#)