

Dyslexia Updates

From the 2018 Texas Dyslexia Summer Institute

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The recent TAA letter regarding the provision of services to students identified with dyslexia has resulted in numerous inquiries as to the appropriate provision of services. We are working diligently to collect the latest dyslexia information that has been released from the State so that we can best answer those questions. However, the current handbook is still being reviewed and there is little in the way of new information at this time. Here is the most current information that was shared at the 2018 Texas Dyslexia Summer Institute last week:

1. Texas Dyslexia Handbook- As you know, we anticipate changes to the Dyslexia Handbook, which was last revised in 2014. The State Dyslexia Review Committee has been working to ensure that Texas Public Schools are in compliance with IDEA Regulations. We are unsure to what extent these updates will affect our current operations. We are told that TEA will release the updated Dyslexia Handbook in late November or December. ***Until then, districts are advised to follow the guidelines in the current dyslexia handbook.***

2. Dyslexia Training-

A) Required training for educators of Dyslexic Students-

1. General Training for teachers of dyslexia students may be obtained in the following ways:

- *"Dyslexia Foundations" Online Module- Training through the Texas Gateway- Texas Dyslexia Identification Academy: TDIA-Module 1*
<https://www.texasgateway.org/> (available after Aug. 4th)
- *Online Dyslexia Awareness Modules #1-3 offered through Eduhero-*
<https://eduhero.net/promo.php>
- *Dyslexia Workshop(s) at ESC-Region 6-(see links on next pages)*
- *Onsite, Staff Development-with ESC-Region 6 Dyslexia Specialist:
Contact Susan McCown smccown@esc6.net or Susan Cryer scryer@esc6.net
to schedule a date.*
- *Professional Development from Appropriately Trained District Personnel or outside source*

B) *Specific Trainings for Dyslexia Specialists, Diagnosticians and Assessment Staff*

1. **Commonly Used Assessment Materials in Dyslexia Evaluation** -
*Session # **328980**-This workshop is for General Education Teachers and/or Dyslexia Specialists who administer dyslexia assessments and complete evaluation reports. Assessments covered in this workshop will be the GORT-5, TOWRE-2, TWS-5, and CTOPP-2*

August 23 & 24-

[Register Here](#)

2. **Dyslexia in Texas: An Overview of Assessment in the Context of Current Changes**

*Session # **328555**-This session will help special education assessment staff address the many questions associated with the potential changes in the provision of services of Dyslexia Students. Topics will include Dyslexia screening requirements, the current process of referring for Dyslexia, and the components of and how to complete a Dyslexia evaluation.*

September 7th-

[Register Here](#)

3). New Dyslexia Staff Members:

ESC–Region 6 will offer repeat dyslexia trainings that reflect the current guidelines from the 2014 Texas Dyslexia Handbook. These workshops will provide a foundation for those staff members who are new to dyslexia assessment and/or new to providing dyslexia interventions. Follow up workshops will be scheduled once revisions to the handbook are made in order to address any needed changes.

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A) Specific Training for Teachers/Specialists who provide in depth interventions for students with dyslexia.

**1. Dyslexia Program Basics with Teacher Resources:
The Dyslexia Intervention Program (D.I.P.) ****see below****

Session # 329760- This Training is for Teachers/Specialists who Provide Interventions for Students with Dyslexia.

August 28th – 31st

[Register Here](#)

****Please Note-** The New and Updated Version of the D.I.P. Program will not be available until Spring 2019. This workshop will provide training over the current D.I.P. Program. Additional workshops will be held at later dates to introduce the revisions made to this program.

B) The Texas Dyslexia Identification Academy Modules:

(TDIA Modules # 1-5)

****The TDIA Module Trainings are based on the current, 2010 Dyslexia Handbook. It is unclear at this time whether the information in these modules will undergo revisions when the new dyslexia handbook is released or not.**

September 6th	<u>Module 1-</u> <i>Dyslexia Foundations</i>	Register Here
October 15th	<u>Module 2-</u> <i>Dyslexia Evaluations</i>	Register Here
October 29th	<u>Module 3-</u> <i>Considerations for ELL's</i>	Register Here
November 9th	<u>Module 4-</u> <i>Interpreting scores</i>	Register Here
November 30th	<u>Module 5-</u> <i>Report writing and Case Studies</i>	Register Here

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