



Comal ISD Support Services

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Special Programs

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DYSLEXIA

Program

Dyslexia is a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence, and socio-cultural opportunity.

- Section 38.003 of the Texas Education Code

Characteristics of Dyslexia

- Difficulty correctly saying the alphabet in sequence
- Difficulty forming the shapes of letters of the alphabet
- Difficulty correctly writing the alphabet in sequence
- Errors in naming letters
- Reversals of orientation of letters or sequence of letters in words when read or written (examples: b-d, was-saw, quiet-quiet)
- Difficulty in learning and remembering printed words
- Repeated spelling errors
- Difficulty in handwriting
- Slow rate of writing
- Difficulty with reading comprehension

Dyslexia Program Profile

The Comal ISD has screening, assessment and programs in place for students in grades K-12. Kindergarten teachers use a screening tool that measures phonological awareness skills. Reading development is monitored through frequent benchmarking and informal assessments.

CISD also provided General Intervention Support Teams (GIST) on each campus to evaluate students with educational concerns and recommend interventions prior to formal assessment. This team is composed of a campus administrator and counselor, general education staff, and special programs staff. Dyslexia screening and assessment is addressed through the GIST team. Tests are administered by a certified diagnostician. This data is gathered and compiled into a written summary and a recommendation for services is made.

CISD uses the Wilson Reading System of instruction, which meets the dyslexia program components required by TEA. Teachers at each campus have received Wilson Training. CISD employs several Dyslexia Support Teachers who provide services for dyslexia students who need intensive instruction. In addition, several other reading programs, including Read About, Read 180, and Failure Free Reading are available to meet the individual needs of students.

Dyslexia Program Goals

- Meeting the educational needs of the student with dyslexia
- Teacher training
- Alignment of dyslexia programs
- Communication between special programs staff, parents, teachers and campuses
- Screening/assessment of students with dyslexia characteristics
- Providing a continuum of dyslexia services including classroom accommodations and support, individualized, intensive, multisensory phonics instruction and testing adaptations

Dyslexia Links

Access the TEA Dyslexia Handbook at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/elar/2007EnglishHandbook.pdf>.

Access the Comal ISD Dyslexia Parent Information Booklet on the district's website at http://www.comalisd.org/Departments/Special_Programs/PDF/2009-2010_Dyslexia_Parent_Handbook.pdf.

For more information, contact your child's teacher, your campus Dyslexia Coordinator, or

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Comal ISD Schools

Bill Brown Elementary

830.885.1400

Clear Spring Elementary

830.837.7300

Freiheit Elementary

830.822.2700

Garden Ridge Elementary

830.837.7000

Goodwin Frazier Elementary

830.221.2200

Hoffmann Lane Elementary

830.221.2500

Johnson Ranch Elementary

830.885.8600

Kinder Ranch Elementary

830.885.8900

Morningside Elementary

830.837.7100

Oak Creek Elementary

830.837.7200

Rahe Bulverde Elementary

830.885.1600

Rebecca Creek Elementary

830.885.1800

Arlon Seay Elementary

830.885.8700

M.H. Specht Elementary

830.885.1500

Startzville Elementary

830.885.8000

Timberwood Park Elementary

830.885.8500

Canyon Middle

830.221.2300

Church Hill Middle

830.221.2800

Mountain Valley Middle

830.885.1300

Smithson Valley Middle

830.885.1200

Spring Branch Middle

830.885.8800

Canyon High

830.221.2400

Canyon Lake High

830.885.1700

Smithson Valley High

830.885.1000

Alamo Colleges Memorial

Early College High School

830.221.2900