

Symptoms of Disabilities

Some of these symptoms can be found in all children at some time during their development. However, a person with learning disabilities has a cluster of these symptoms which do not disappear as s/he grows older.

Most frequently displayed symptoms:

- short attention span,
- poor memory,
- difficulty following directions,
- inability to discriminate between/among letters, numerals, or sounds,
- poor reading and/or writing ability,
- eye-hand coordination problems; poorly coordinated,
- difficulties with sequencing
- disorganization and other sensory difficulties.

Other characteristics that may be present:

- performs differently from day to day,
- responds inappropriately in many instances,
- distractible, restless, impulsive,
- says one thing, means another,
- difficult to discipline,
- doesn't adjust well to change,
- difficulty listening and remembering,
- difficulty telling time and knowing right from left,
- difficulty sounding out words,
- reverses letters,
- places letters in incorrect sequence,
- difficulty understanding words or concepts, and/or
- delayed speech development; immature speech.
- Troublesome/ aggressive behavior

If you believe your student is exhibiting these (or other) signs of a disability, please contact a special education staff member.

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High School Special Education Contact: Christine Waite - (610)-439-5181 x-111

***Attempts at self-injury or threats of suicide, violent behaviors, or severe withdrawal that creates an inability to carry on normal routines must be regarded as emergencies for which parents should seek immediate attention, through a mental health or medical clinic, mental health hotline, or crisis center.**