Dyslexia & Learning Disabilities

A starting guide for Lexington families | Reading, writing and broader learning needs

Parent connections and school navigation

Dyslexia Parents Group of Lexington

Parents of children struggling with reading or writing

Location/access: Lexington, MA; confirm meeting format and venue with the group.

Local parent connections, educational resources and links to assessment and learning centers. Some event listings are historical; contact the group for current meetings and independently confirm provider details.

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Decoding Dyslexia Massachusetts

Parents, students and educators | Statewide advocacy

Location/access: Online statewide organization; confirm current events and meeting formats.

A grassroots network focused on dyslexia awareness, family empowerment and access to appropriate instruction. Use the statewide contact rather than assuming a local chapter or IEP-review group is currently active.

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IDA Massachusetts / MABIDA

Families and educators | Education and parent connections

Location/access: Online statewide resources; 857-256-1791. Event locations vary.

The Massachusetts branch of the International Dyslexia Association offers parent roundtables, professional education seminars and resources, including recorded webinars. Check its current schedule and any registration fees.

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Federation for Children with Special Needs

Families and young adults | Free individual assistance

Location/access: Phone/online: 800-331-0688 or 617-236-7210.

Independent information about evaluations, eligibility, progress and school-team questions. Free PTI workshops and language-access options are available; check the website for current offerings.

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Learning tools and tutoring

Massachusetts DESE - Literacy Screening Resources

Families and educators | Free state information

Location/access: Online statewide resource.

Guidance links to the Massachusetts Dyslexia Guidelines and literacy resources addressing screening, instruction and accommodations for reading difficulties. Use it to prepare questions about your child’s screening results and instructional plan.

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International Dyslexia Association - Fact Sheets

Families and educators | Free information

Location/access: Online; a free account is required for the Digital Library.

Short literacy fact sheets offer research information and teaching considerations. The access page explains both Digital Library access and an alternative download route through the IDA shop.

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Understood - Learning Differences

Families of children and teens | Online information

Location/access: Online; no local appointment location.

Browse information on dyslexia, math learning difficulties, written expression and other learning differences. Useful for families whose concerns extend beyond reading.

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Children's Dyslexia Center of Greater Boston

Children with dyslexia | Free tutoring; application required

Location/access: 460 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, MA 02460; 617-965-3960.

Provides specialized reading tutoring through the Children's Dyslexia Centers network. Contact the center for age and evaluation requirements, application steps, scheduling commitments and waitlist status. Free services do not imply immediate availability.

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Educational services and evaluation

ResearchILD

Grades 1-12, college students and adults | Educational services

Location/access: 4 Militia Drive, Suite 20, Lexington, MA 02420; in-person and remote options.

Executive-function and ADHD coaching, educational therapy and literacy instruction. Teaching focuses on planning, organization, task initiation and self-advocacy. Ask about fees, current availability and the service best matched to your goals.

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Commonwealth Learning Center

School-age students and other learners | Nonprofit tutoring

Location/access: 220 Reservoir Street, Suite 6, Needham, MA 02494; 781-444-5193.

Individual tutoring and educational assessments address reading, spelling, writing and math. Remote tutoring is available; evaluations are in person. The center reports income-based sliding-scale financial aid; ask about eligibility and current funding.

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NESCA - Newton

Children, teens and young adults | Private provider

Location/access: 55 Chapel Street, Suite 202, Newton, MA 02458.

Neuropsychological evaluations and coaching address learning, attention and executive-function needs. Ask which service fits your goals, the ages accepted, wait times, total fees and insurance reimbursement before booking.

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School options and next steps

Carroll School

Grades 1-9 | Independent day school; separate admissions

Location/access: Grades 1-5: 1841 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02451. Grades 6-8: 25 Baker Bridge Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. Grades 8-9: 45 Waltham Road, Wayland, MA 01778. Phone: 781-259-8342.

A specialized school for students with diagnosed reading and writing learning differences, including dyslexia. Ask admissions about student fit, campus assignment, tuition and financial assistance. This listing does not establish eligibility for district funding.

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Before you contact a provider

Questions to bring: Which reading, spelling, writing or math skills need assessment? What instruction is planned, who provides it, how often, and how will progress be measured? What tools support access alongside instruction?

Ask about professional qualifications, relevant experience, language access, accessibility, fees and cancellation terms. A listing does not confirm openings or insurance coverage.

Start with your school and local connections

Share specific concerns and examples with your child’s teacher or school team. Ask FCSN for help understanding evaluation and support options. Private services are optional resources, not a prerequisite for asking the school for help.

LexSEPTA contacts and parent liaisons

This starter guide is not a comprehensive provider directory or an endorsement. Resources may help across diagnoses; individual support needs vary. Confirm current details directly.