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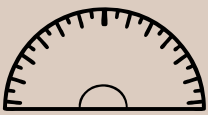
Dyscalculia FAQ's for Teachers



What is dyscalculia?

DYSCALCULIA IS A SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDER

Just like dyslexia, dysgraphia, and other SLD's, dyscalculia is related to brain function. It's a wiring issue, not a teaching or practicing issue. It might be hereditary.

Is it just math anxiety?

NO, MATH ANXIETY CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

Math anxiety can be overcome; it is an emotional and chemical response to situations. Dyscalculia is not something to overcome; it's the way some people think about and store math information. Many dyscalculics develop math anxiety.

Is dyscalculia real?

YES, NEUROLOGISTS HAVE STUDIED IT FOR DECADES

Scientists and researchers have been talking about dyscalculia since the 1930's. MRI's, empirical research, and the U.S. Department of Education make it clear that dyscalculia a recognized learning disorder that impacts math.

How can I identify dyscalculia?

YOU CAN'T, BUT AN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST OR NEUROLOGIST CAN

Educators and parents are the first to suspect a learning disorder. A trained professional who can conduct a complete evaluation is the person who can identify and confirm learning disorders.

What does dyscalculia look like?

PERSISTENT, CONSISTENT MATH DIFFICULTIES

Dyscalculics perform math 1- 2 grade levels below their peers. They have trouble memorizing basic math facts, remembering and following procedures, and often don't understand time or place value. They learn math, and then forget what they learned.

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