



# Understanding Dyslexia



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## Standard Protocol Dyslexia Instruction

What is Standard Protocol Dyslexia Instruction? According to the Texas Dyslexia Handbook, "standard protocol dyslexia instruction provides evidence-based, multisensory structured literacy instruction for students with dyslexia. A standard protocol dyslexia instructional program must be explicit, systematic, and intentional in its approach. This instruction is designed for all students with dyslexia and will often take place in a small group setting."

Standard Protocol Dyslexia Instruction can be taught from a boxed program purchased by the school district or it can be something developed by the school or district. Either way, it has to adhere to the guidelines above and it must include instruction in phonological awareness, sound-symbol association, syllabication (dividing words by syllable), orthography (spelling), morphology (prefixes and suffixes), syntax (word usage), reading comprehension, and reading fluency.

In Nederland ISD we currently use a program called Reading By Design. This program was developed by Certified Academic Language Therapist Jan Cook. Ms. Cook works for the Educational Service Center for Region 4 in Houston. This program contains all of the above-mentioned criteria for dyslexia instruction. All of our dyslexia interventionists have been trained in this program and participate in ongoing training to deepen their understanding of dyslexia and the Reading By Design program.

## New Podcast Episode!

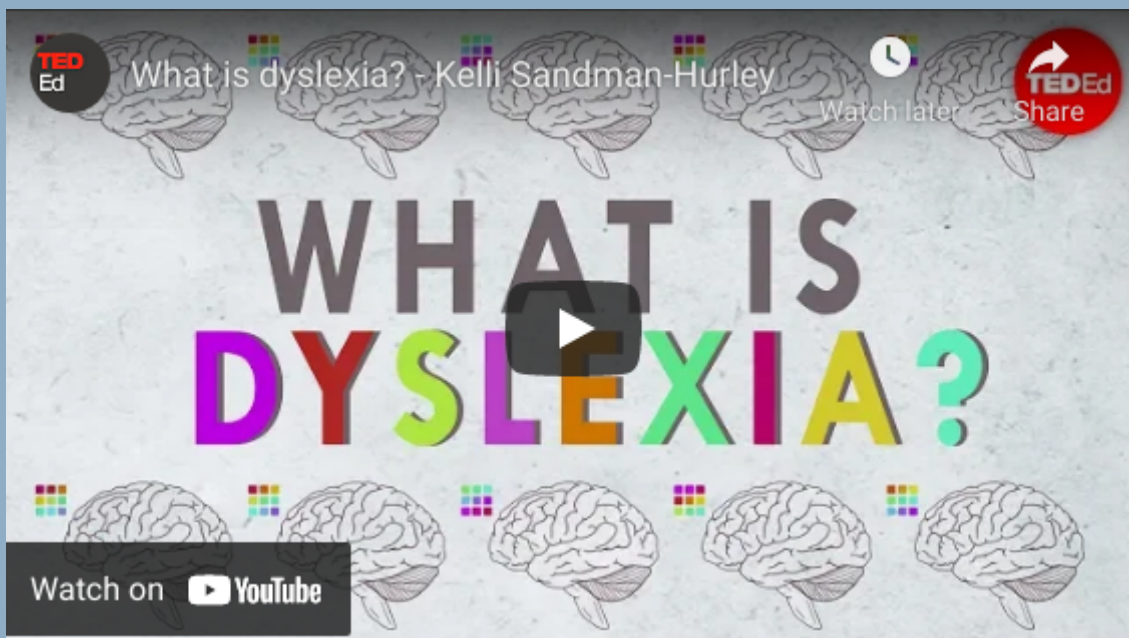
Check out the newest episode of **Understanding Dyslexia** where I discuss Standard Protocol Dyslexia Instruction and the difference between IDEA and 504.

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# Spotlight On



## What is Dyslexia?

In this video, you will see what dyslexia is and what happens in the brain of a person with dyslexia.



## Questions?

If you have any questions regarding dyslexia or related issues, please email them to me at the address below. I will be happy to answer your questions or point you in the right direction. I would love to do some Q & As for you all! So, send those questions in!



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## Notable Books

"Dr. Dyslexia Dude" by Dr. Shawn Robinson, is graphic novel series about a young man who is also a superhero with dyslexia. Learn more about the books at

<https://drdyslexiadude.com/>.



"Fish in a Tree" by Lynda Mullaly Hunt is the story of a young, middle school student struggling with dyslexia and how an observant teacher helps her find her way. Check it out [here](#).