

LD Quiz Results

The truth is, you could have marked False for all of those behaviors, but still have a learning disability. This was a sample of some of the more common characteristics of a learning disability. But there are many more.

And just because you marked True for one, or even all of the behaviors, it doesn't mean you have a learning disability.

But if you are experiencing any of these characteristics, or any other academic difficulties that are getting in the way of your academic success, you should definitely explore getting assessed for a learning disability.

What Is a Learning Disability?

In order for learning to take place, the following must occur:

- Data must **enter** the brain correctly through the senses.
- The data must be **processed** correctly and stored correctly in the **long-term memory**, and it must be done with **speed and efficiency**.
- You must be able to correctly **retrieve and express** this information.
- When there is a glitch in the brain's ability to perform any one of a myriad of cognitive tasks, so that the student has difficulty processing information in a typical fashion, this is considered a **processing deficit**.
- And if this processing glitch hinders a student's ability to get as high a grade as he or she deserves, it is called a **learning disability**.

One more thing: a student must display **at least average intelligence** in order to qualify as having a learning disability. Many very gifted individuals actually have learning disabilities.

Would any of these services be helpful to you?

- ◆ Note taking assistance, which could be recording lectures, shared notes, or a note taker
- ◆ Test-taking accommodations, such as extra time, readers, tests taken in a distraction-reduced setting
- ◆ Assistance with reading and writing such as audiobooks or text-to-speech software
- ◆ Priority registration
- ◆ Lots of time with a math or English tutor

What You Can Do To Help Yourself Be More Successful

Stop by the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD), San Fernando Complex, SF 121, or call (818) 240-1000 extension 5905. Get an appointment with a counselor to talk about learning disabilities. Discuss the problems you've been having with the counselor, and together you will decide if completing a Learning Assessment will be beneficial to you. Be aware that everything you say is **confidential**. We say nothing to anybody about you without your written permission.

Once you complete the Learning Assessment, we meet to discuss your learning strengths and areas of difficulty, and provide you with some learning strategies that fit your learning style. If you meet the eligibility criteria as having a learning disability, we can provide you with services and accommodations that are meant to reduce the negative effects being caused by the learning disability.

You can come in any time. But it's better not to wait until you're in real academic trouble.

Stop in and see us soon.