



You Asked!

Q16: Does my school district need to wait for the statewide dyslexia guidelines to be issued before they implement dyslexia specific trainings and appropriate Structured Literacy interventions?

A: No, in fact, the California Department of Education (CDE) has been presenting across the state and their presentation slides specifically state that districts should NOT wait for the dyslexia guidelines before acting. The CDE also states it is okay for school districts to use the term “dyslexia”.

It may be helpful to share a copy of [CDE's presentation](#) with your school district (especially page 10). You can also access a complete copy of the CA Dyslexia Guidelines [here](#). Dyslexia has appeared in the federal education code for decades and is specifically mentioned several times in the [California Education Code](#). For further resources, please read [You Asked Q8](#).

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