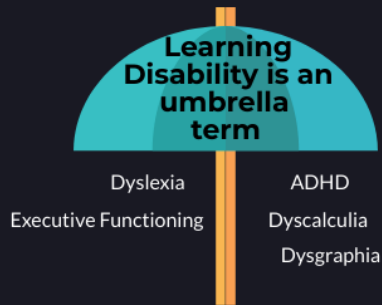


# Learning Disabilities

## and Arts Integration

### What is it?

Under IDEA, a Learning Disability is: a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations



**\*Learning disabilities occur at ALL intelligence levels\***

### Learning Disabilities and Art



Drawing and painting can support motor skills and allow students to understand the relationship of space to themselves



Dance teaches memorization, sequencing, and rhythm while helping to develop coordination and motor skills



The performing arts allows students to immerse themselves in a topic and learn about it in a new way

### In the Classroom



Teaching learning through steps



Give clear and direct instructions



Giving students probing process questions



Scaffold lessons/instructions

### Assistive Technologies



Graphic Organizers

Audiobooks

FM Systems

Alternative Keyboards

### Dyslexic Advantage

Scientists have found that people with dyslexia have certain "mind strengths"



Stronger 3D spatial reasoning



Ability to make connections



Ability to think in stories

Chelsea Greene

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