



LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

The Learning Skills Program at
Cabrillo College



Learning Disability Definition

(According to California Community College Guidelines)

- ◆ Average to Above Average Ability (Intelligence)
- ◆ Average Academic Achievement (in at least one area)
- ◆ Severe Processing Deficit
- ◆ Severe Aptitude-Achievement Discrepancy

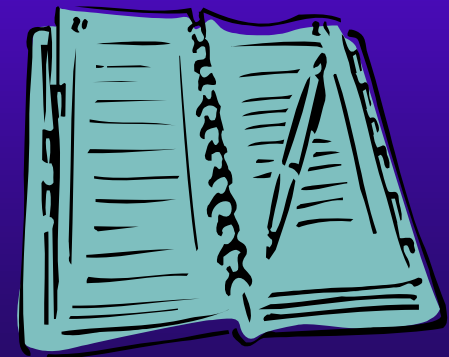
Common Learning Disabilities Problems in READING

- ◆ Slow reader
- ◆ Limited comprehension
- ◆ Limited retention
- ◆ Inadequate mastery of phonics
- ◆ Confusion between similar words



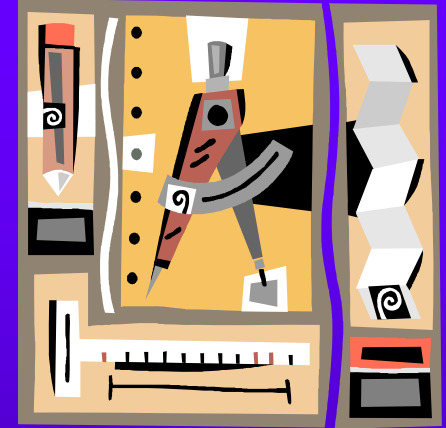
Common Learning Disabilities Problems in WRITTEN LANGUAGE

- ◆ Multiple spelling errors
- ◆ Difficulties with grammar
- ◆ Problems with sentence structure
- ◆ Organizational difficulties
- ◆ Inability to copy accurately
- ◆ Poor penmanship



Common Learning Disabilities Problems in MATHEMATICS

- ◆ Copies incorrectly
 - number reversal
 - confusion w/operation signs
- ◆ Problems with sequencing
- ◆ Difficulties with abstract thought
 - word problems
- ◆ Severe math anxiety



Common Learning Disabilities Problems related to STUDY SKILLS

- ◆ Difficulties organizing work
- ◆ Time management problems
- ◆ Problems with oral or written instructions





What A Learning Disability Is NOT

- An intellectual disability
- A lack of motivation
- An emotional disturbance
- A result of a poor academic background
- A visual, auditory, or other physical deficit

DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- ◆ Usually 6 -8 appointments
- ◆ Can be an 8 - 10 hour commitment taking 4 -6 weeks to complete



SERVICES for LD STUDENTS

- ◆ Services are based on **individual** needs
- ◆ Testing Accommodations
- ◆ Note Takers
- ◆ Tutorial Services
- ◆ Earliest Priority Registration
- ◆ Assistive Technology
- ◆ Disability Related Scheduling & Counseling



LEARNING SKILLS PROGRAM CLASSES

- ◆ LS 255 Tutorial Instruction .5 unit
- ◆ LS 264 Study Skills 3 units
- ◆ LS 281 LD & ADD 3 units
- ◆ LS 200 Math Study Skills 1 unit





Where and How to REFER for LD ASSESSMENT

- ◆ Students contact **Learning Skills Program**
- **Room 1073** or call **479-6220**