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US DEPT. OF EDUCATION DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER

The attached *Dear Colleague letter* from the United States Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services provides clarification regarding the use of the terms dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia in evaluations, eligibility determinations, and in developing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) under the IDEA. Specifically, the memo states, "...there is nothing in the IDEA that would prohibit the use of the terms dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia in evaluations, eligibility determinations, or IEP documents."

To provide further clarification regarding dyslexia in North Carolina public schools, the NCDPI Exceptional Children Division developed a *Dyslexia Topic Brief*, which references the *USED Dear Colleague letter*. This brief is attached for your reference.

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