

Symptoms of Dysgraphia Checklist



A child with dysgraphia has handwriting that is worse than you would normally see in a child of his age, intelligence, and education level. He may also appear to be unmotivated or lazy, or what we sometimes refer to as a “reluctant writer.” Because he has trouble expressing his thoughts and ideas in writing, he may avoid writing altogether.

A child with dysgraphia may have trouble with:

- Forming letters, numbers, and words
- Spelling words correctly
- Organizing thoughts and ideas into written expression

Here are some additional signs:

- A tight or awkward pencil grip
- Tires quickly while writing
- Writing is illegible, inconsistent, and has poorly formed letters and numbers
- Writing is slow and labored
- Complete avoidance of writing
- Difficulty following spelling and grammar rules
- Incorrect spacing and positioning of letters, words, and lines of written text
- Trouble aligning columns of numbers in math problems
- Difficulty organizing thoughts on paper
- Trouble with tasks that require concurrent thinking and writing

Do you recognize any of these symptoms in your child?

If you suspect dysgraphia and have questions about how it affects reading and spelling instruction, please visit us at: blog.allaboutlearningpress.com/dysgraphia.