

# DYSLEXIA: Best Strategies to Increase Student Success (Grades 6-12)



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**Outstanding Educator and Presenter** 

Specifically Designed for Educators serving students in Grades 6-12: English/Language Arts (ELA) Teachers, Reading Teachers, Content Area Teachers, Reading Specialists, Interventionists, Literacy Coaches, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Instructional Assistants, and Administrators

**Dozens of the best instructional techniques and resources** for helping students who have or may have dyslexia gain access to grade-level content in all subject areas

**Interactive, multisensory classroom activities** to improve learning outcomes and increase engagement for students who may have dyslexia

**A powerful approach to instruction** that emphasizes comprehension and the acquisition of vocabulary to boost academic performance in all subject areas

**Highly effective, practical tips and digital resources** that enable you to provide more effective accommodations to support struggling readers while keeping all of the students in your classroom more actively engaged

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# **Ten Key Benefits of Attending**

"Excellent information, excellent delivery. Great mix of direct instruction and interactive examples." EMILY MARTIN. TEACHER



#### **Who Should Attend**

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# 1. Provide Students Who Are Reading Below Grade Level with Access to Grade-Level Content

Learn strategies and techniques to provide struggling readers with the critical information that they need to keep pace in their content area classes

- 2. Explore Digital Tools to Support Students Who May Have Dyslexia Learn about free or low-cost technologies that can be easily implemented in the classroom to improve the reading, writing, and spelling performance of students who may have dyslexia
- 3. Discover Easy-to-Implement Classroom Accommodations that Promote Student Success

Incorporate changes that can increase student engagement with content and enable students with dyslexia to accurately demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities

- 4. Detect Subtle Student Behaviors that May Indicate Signs of Dyslexia Learn to recognize struggling readers who may be "hiding in plain sight" and gain helpful strategies to support them in overcoming learning difficulties
- 5. Motivate Reluctant Readers with Highly Interactive Reading Strategies

Learn a lesson-planning framework that is suitable for any content area and can be used to engage students, boost comprehension, and increase student interest

6. Provide Age-Appropriate Phonics and Fluency Instruction to Strengthen Reading and Spelling Skills

Preserve the dignity of students who may have dyslexia with instructional techniques that improve foundational literacy skills

#### 7. Activate Comprehension Processes to Promote Reading Success

Gain strategies that will prompt all students, particularly those who may have dyslexia, to monitor their understanding of texts and think critically about what they read

#### 8. Discover the Power of Multisensory Instruction

Learn how to engage visual, auditory, and kinesthetic-tactile pathways during instruction to enhance memory and promote robust learning outcomes

**9. Boost Engagement with Highly Interactive Instructional Techniques** Teach your students helpful strategies they can use independently to overcome reading, writing, and spelling roadblocks

#### 10. Receive a Comprehensive Dyslexia Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar ... Leave this seminar with the best strategies for helping your students succeed

# **Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately**

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Dozens of strategies and techniques** to help students who have or may have dyslexia gain access to information that they may not be able to read on their own
- Activities and strategies to increase engagement and improve learning outcomes for students who may have dyslexia
- Age-appropriate phonics, decoding, encoding, and fluency techniques to help belowgrade-level readers develop mastery of important foundational skills
- Assessment tools that will enable you to identify struggling readers who are hiding in plain sight and pinpoint areas of need
- **Recommendations for providing appropriate accommodations** to students who struggle with reading, writing, and spelling
- Teaching strategies that strengthen students' comprehension and vocabulary knowledge, which can help students with dyslexia compensate for word recognition difficulties
- Tips and techniques for incorporating technology into your classroom to increase engagement and support students with dyslexia
- Explicit, brain-based instructional strategies that enhance memory and promote robust learning outcomes
- Evidence-based instructional techniques that help all students acquire new information in content-area subjects, but are especially supportive of students with dyslexia and reading impairments
- Practical suggestions for **differentiating instruction and providing opportunities** for cooperative learning and student choice
- Multisensory learning strategies that make learning fun, active, and memorable
- Research-based comprehension and vocabulary-building techniques that **motivate students** and prompt them to monitor their comprehension
- Graphic organizers and digital tools that make writing easier for students who have or who may have dyslexia

"Dr. Kenny is not only Knowledgeable, but also relatable. I appreciate her sharing her experience and expertise with us." DAWN DAVIDSON, ENGLISH DEPT CHAIR

## **Practical Ideas and Strategies**

Once students reach middle and high school, it is often assumed that they have acquired foundational literacy skills. In fact, research demonstrates that many older students have significant difficulties with reading, writing, and spelling which adversely impacts their performance in all subject areas. If you are seeking up-to-date information and strategies to support the students in your classroom who have or may have dyslexia, and to improve their academic performance, then you won't want to miss this **NEW**, highly informative and practical seminar. Drawing upon cutting-edge research findings, literacy expert **Heather Kenny** will provide you with an overview of what dyslexia is, how the dyslexic brain processes information, how to recognize and remediate students with reading and spelling difficulties, and how to use brain-based teaching strategies to ensure that even students who are currently reading below-grade-level can gain access to information that is needed for success in their content area subjects. Gain a wealth of knowledge, and a plethora of instructional techniques that will help you enhance your instruction for students who fit the dyslexic profile. Learn a powerful approach to instruction that can improve foundational literacy skills, boost overall academic performance, and increase the self-esteem and self-efficacy of students with dyslexia.







# A Message From Seminar Leader, Heather Kenny

### Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**Dr. Heather Kenny** is an outstanding educator and presenter. Over the course of her 25+ year career in education, she has served as a classroom teacher, reading interventionist, and dyslexia tutor. Heather works closely with schools and districts to support teachers in implementing practical, science-based instructional techniques that improve literacy outcomes.

Heather understands the challenges that today's educators face as they strive to address the needs of all readers. She is passionate about empowering teachers with knowledge and skills so that they are well-equipped to provide their students, particularly those who fit the profile of dyslexia, with optimally-effective literacy instruction.

The author of several books and articles, Heather has written DYSLEXIA: Best Strategies to Increase Student Success (Grades 6-12), the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive. Her highly informative and inspiring seminars are filled with practical advice and strategies that you can take back to your classroom and use immediately. Heather's seminar will equip you with knowledge and resources to help all of your students, particularly those with dyslexia, reach their full academic potential.

#### Dear Colleague:

As teachers, we all care deeply about the success of our students. It can be frustrating for us to work with students who struggle, despite our best efforts to teach them. It is often even more frustrating for the students themselves who may suffer from undiagnosed dyslexia, which takes a toll on their confidence and self-esteem and frequently prevents them from reaching their full academic potential.

Thanks to new research findings, we now understand how to recognize these students who often mask their difficulties with reading and spelling and hide in our classrooms in plain sight. We also know how to best support them. Not only is it critical that we provide them with targeted instruction to improve their word-level reading and spelling and fluency in a manner that preserves their dignity, but we must be deliberate to ensure that these students, who are typically reading below grade level, are able to access information and vocabulary so that they can fully engage in their content area subjects. Low literacy does not equate with low intelligence. By adapting our instruction and assessment techniques, we can ensure that diagnosed or undiagnosed students who fit the dyslexic profile, can experience academic success. Perhaps the best news of all is that the highly effective, research-based techniques that can increase the learning of *all* of our students!

In preparation for this seminar, I have amassed a wealth of highly practical information, resources, strategies, tips, and techniques that can help you optimize your instruction for students with dyslexia. I am excited to spend the day with you, and with other educators, sharing teacher-friendly, time-efficient strategies that you can take back to your own classroom and implement immediately to help your students succeed!

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours in literacy,

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Heather Kenny

P.S. I know how precious your time is, so I am committed to making this day interesting, informative, and very practical!

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## What Your Colleagues Say About Heather Kenny

"This was a wonderful seminar! I've learned so much more than I have from any other training that I have attended about Dyslexia. Thank you so much!"

- Kena Boles, Special Education Teacher

"Dr. Kenny has such a wonderful, easy delivery for all of her pertinent information. Thank you so much for the handbook and all the hyperlinks. **Your resources are invaluable!**"

- Janice Tufaro, Reading Teacher

"The most valuable professional development day I have had in the last 5 years! Not a minute was wasted. Good pacing, good balance between oral presentation and supporting handbook material. Wealth of immediately applicable strategies. Thank you so much!"

- Nancy Bergner, Special Education Teacher



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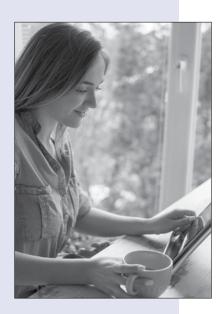
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- Practical, research-based teaching techniques and classroom activities for supporting students who have or may have dyslexia
- Important information on the characteristics of dyslexia and how to recognize students who mask poor reading, writing, and spelling skills
- Age-appropriate instructional techniques to increase the confidence and improve the reading and spelling skills of students with dyslexia
- Highly effective, engaging, and interactive instructional techniques that increase vocabulary knowledge and promote comprehension of content area subjects
- Suggestions for differentiating instruction for students with dyslexia and increasing motivation

#### **Meet and Share**

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in strategies for helping students who have or may have dyslexia.

#### **Consultation Available**

Heather Kenny will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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Two related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, DYSLEXIA: Help Children Who Struggle to Successfully Read, Write and Spell, for Grades K-6, and Helping Your Struggling Readers Become More Successful Readers: Targeted Interventions that Work!, for Grades K-5, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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