



Massachusetts

State Snapshot of Specific Learning Disabilities



US Public School Enrollment, 2020–2021: 49.4 Million Students

What is a Specific Learning Disability (SLD)?

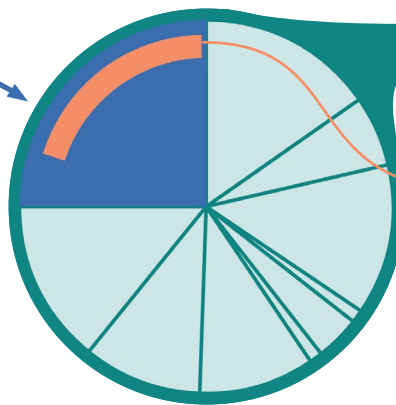
An **SLD** is a brain-based disorder that affects an individual's ability to read, write, and do math (e.g., dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia). Students identified with **SLD** receive special education services under the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, a law that provides a free and appropriate public education to children with disabilities. Of the **13%** of the U.S. school-age population who received disability services under **IDEA** in the 2020–2021 academic year, **34%** received services for **SLD** as the primary disability.



MA Public School Enrollment, 2020–2021: 921,712 Students

SLD: 25%

MA Students with **SLD** (41,332) represent the largest proportion of students served under **IDEA** (164,975) in 2020 - 2021.

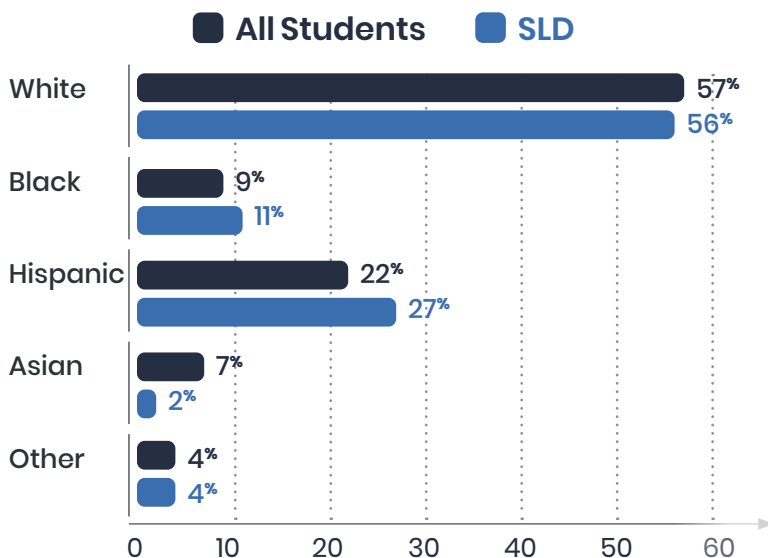


IDEA: 18%

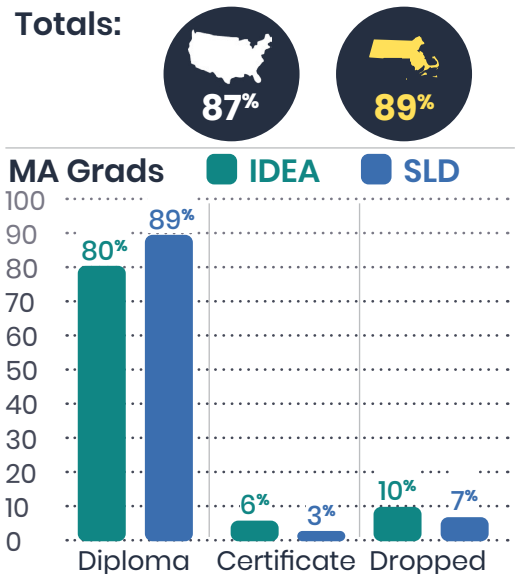
79% of MA Students with **SLD** spend 80% or more of their school day with their general education classroom.



MA Racial / Ethnic Demographics, 2020 - 2021



Graduation Rates, 2019 - 2020



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