



St. Jude the Apostle School

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What services does the St. Jude Dyslexia Lab provide?

The St. Jude Dyslexia Lab provides evidence-based intervention to students who have a diagnosis of **Dyslexia or a Specific Learning Disability with impairment in reading**. The lab is located on the St. Jude campus in the elementary hallway.

Who teaches the Dyslexia Lab at St. Jude?

Mrs. Tonya DeSoto, a St. Jude faculty member, teaches the students who are enrolled in the lab at St. Jude. Mrs. DeSoto has 25+ years of teaching experience and is trained as an Academic Language Therapist. Mrs. DeSoto attended LSU in Baton Rouge, where she earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Masters in Education. You may contact Mrs. DeSoto directly with any questions at tdesoto@stjudebr.org.

How does the Dyslexia Lab support the students?

- The Dyslexia Lab is designed to meet the students where they are in reading and strives to build their skills in reading fluency, comprehension, writing, and spelling.
- Using Orton-Gillingham methodology, the Dyslexia Lab teacher employs a multisensory, systematic approach to teaching reading and spelling concepts in order to meet the specific reading needs of the students.
- The Dyslexia Lab teacher communicates with the students' classroom teachers to discuss student progress. However, the Dyslexia Lab is not a resource or pull-out to reinforce what is being specifically taught in the regular classroom.

How often do students attend the Dyslexia Lab?

Students will be pulled strategically throughout the day in order to attend the lab. Depending on the class period length, students will attend lab 3 times per week for 100-120 minutes. Students may be pulled in a group of up to 4 students. Duration of time receiving lab services is based on individual student progress.

What are the fees for the Dyslexia Lab?

There is an \$80 registration fee, followed by annual tuition of \$3,300. The registration fee may be paid by check or cash to St. Jude the Apostle Dyslexia Lab. Attention: Sarah Brooks, Assistant Business Manager. The annual tuition may be paid through Gulf Bank at www.tuition.gulfbank.com. Select the Ancillary Fee option. Tuition may also be paid monthly at a charge of \$330/month. Monthly fees remain the same regardless of school holidays or absences.

How do I enroll my child in the Dyslexia Lab?

After lab services are recommended by school staff or outside professionals, the family may begin the enrollment process by emailing Mrs. DeSoto. She will review the educational evaluation reports and answer any further questions about the lab. If there is space available in the lab, Mrs. DeSoto will send a link with the digital application. Once the application and registration fee have been received, Mrs. DeSoto will then reach out to the parents to provide the child's Dyslexia Lab schedule.