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Dyslexia over the years

1896

Developmental dyslexia first described as "word blindness" in the *British Medical Journal*.

1925

Dyslexia described as "strephosymbolia," or twisted symbols.

1956

Dyslexia described as "familial congenital word blindness," the first indication that it is genetic.

1965

Lucius Waites starts dyslexia program at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.

1968

World Federation of Neurology approves first definition of dyslexia at Scottish Rite Hospital.

1985

Texas Legislature passes HB 157 and HB 2168 to serve dyslexic students.

1987

Scottish Rite Hospital begins distributing instructional videos that have since been used by half of Texas' school districts.

1991

Texas Education Agency develops rules that spell out what districts must do to comply with state dyslexia law.

1995

Luke Waites Child Development Center opens at Scottish Rite Hospital. It now serves 1,700 children a year.

1996

Texas creates rules that outline how dyslexia laws are to be implemented.

2002

Scottish Rite Hospital board votes to create a new dyslexia curriculum, which should be completed this year.

2003

Legislature passes HB 2459, which eliminates much of the mechanism for monitoring whether districts are complying with state dyslexia laws.

Sources: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and Texas Education Agency