

Illuminations Center for Dyslexia

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About Illuminations Center for Dyslexia

Q: How did Illuminations Center for Dyslexia begin?

Illuminations began in 2013 when our founder and Executive Director, Leta Palmiter, started providing structured literacy support from her kitchen table. As the need for effective dyslexia intervention grew, so did the organization. Now with a nonprofit dedicated to serving all students with learning challenges, and a forprofit providing curriculum and technology to support these students.

Q: Do you take insurance?

No, we do not currently accept insurance.

However, we offer a **sliding-scale payment program** to help families afford our services, including testing. A few organizations in our area do accept medical insurance for testing — we're happy to email you a referral list.

Q: What services do you offer?

Every service we provide is **individualized** to the needs of the student.

We offer:

- Dyslexia therapy
- Math therapy
- **Tutoring and academic remediation** (for children and adults)
- Comprehensive academic evaluations

We do **not** conduct evaluations for autism or ADHD, but we can help refer you to trusted providers who do.

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Q: How has Illuminations grown over time?

Illuminations has grown into a regional dyslexia center with multiple offices, trained therapists, and comprehensive diagnostic services, serving families in 14 states and 4 countries.

Q: What makes Illuminations different from tutoring centers?

Illuminations provides structured literacy therapy grounded in the science of reading. Therapy may be offered **in person**, **virtually**, **or in a hybrid format**.

Therapy & Instruction

Q: What kind of instruction do students receive at Illuminations?

Students receive explicit, multisensory, structured literacy therapy based on Orton-Gillingham principles. Lessons are individualized, cumulative, and designed to strengthen reading, spelling, and writing skills.

Q: What kind of dyslexia therapy do you provide?

Therapy is delivered by trained dyslexia therapists who have completed supervised practicums and ongoing professional development.

Our therapists are trained in multiple **structured literacy** programs, including:

- Alphabetic Phonics
- Basic Language Skills (Neuhaus)
- Lexercise

Q: What does "in-house therapy" include?

In-house therapy (without a virtual component) typically includes **three sessions per week** of intensive structured literacy remediation.

When combined with **daily virtual practice**, sessions may be reduced to **two or even one day per week** in our **hybrid model**.

Every plan includes **wrap-around academic support** — homework help, math, comprehension, and writing — to lighten the load on parents and strengthen student success.

Q: Do you offer online therapy sessions?

Yes. Illuminations offers high-quality, structured literacy therapy online. Our online model, established in 2019, allows students — locally or out of state — to receive consistent instruction from home via Lexercise.

Lexercise is an **online structured-literacy platform** we use for hybrid and virtual therapy.

- In **hybrid therapy**, lessons are delivered in person and followed by **asynchronous online practice** at home.
- In **virtual therapy**, both lessons and practice take place online.

Lexercise supports mastery of reading, spelling, and decoding through a **systematic** and cumulative approach aligned with the Science of Reading.

Q: What is your maximum group size?

Most therapy sessions are **one-on-one**, but small groups of **two to three students** may be used when appropriate. Group settings help students feel encouraged and connected — especially when they are working on similar skills.

The format is always chosen to ensure the **best possible outcome** for each child.

Evaluations & Testing

Q: Do you offer dyslexia evaluations?

Yes. Illuminations provides comprehensive diagnostic evaluations conducted by Brooke Smith, a respected speech-language pathologist and evaluator. She provides thorough assessments and detailed reports that help families understand their child's strengths and challenges.

Q: How much does it cost?

Our pricing is based on a sliding scale tied to family income. We also offer flexible payment plans to make services accessible to as many families as possible. Full price is \$700.

Q: What is included in a diagnostic evaluation?

Our evaluations typically include reading, writing, spelling, oral language, and cognitive assessments, followed by a comprehensive written report. Families receive clear recommendations for next steps, including school accommodations and therapy options.

Evaluations typically involve:

- CELF-5 (oral language)
- WIAT-III (academic achievement)
- TONI-4 (nonverbal intelligence)

Appointments last 3 to 5 hours, with results delivered at a follow-up meeting within two weeks.

Pricing & Payment

Q: How does the sliding-scale system work?

Our sliding scale is based on monthly household income and includes four levels. Families pay a reduced monthly rate based on their income bracket, and the remaining costs are covered by grant funding.

Q: What are the income levels for the sliding scale?

Level 1: Less than \$2,500 per month **Level 2:** \$2,501–\$4,500 per month **Level 3:** \$4,501–\$6,500 per month **Level 4:** Over \$6,500 per month

Q: What therapy package options are available?

We offer multiple instructional packages.

- 6 hours per week package
- 3 hours per week package
- 8 hours per month package
- Virtual therapy package

Each package has a corresponding monthly cost based on income level.

Q: What is included in each therapy package?

Package options may include combinations of dyslexia therapy, support services, online platforms for home practice, asynchronous activities, and daily parent communication — depending on the package type you select.

Q: How does payment scheduling work?

All therapy plans are billed through Wiz Therapy, with flexible payment options available:

- Monthly
- Biweekly

Payment must be active before services can be scheduled.

Q: Do you offer additional a la carte services?

Yes. A la carte support services cost \$50 per hour and may include:

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- ACT prep
- Math therapy
- Writing support
- Tutoring in various subjects