Overview: Dyscalculia

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Dyscalculia is a disorder that affects an individual's mathematical ability. There is not a single form of the disorder; each individual struggles with different aspects of mathematics. People with dyscalculia are often quite good at language acquisition, sciences, visual memory, and communication.

Noticeable Behaviors:

- Good memory for printed words, but difficulty with sequences of numbers
- Difficulty with schedules and time
- Low mental-math ability
- Difficulty keeping score of games
- Struggle with sense of direction
- Struggle with computational aspects of math

Accommodation Strategies:

- Visualize information/draw pictures
- Read problems aloud
- Make sure to look at any visual information given (pictures, graphs, charts)
- Use rhythm and/or music to help memorize math facts
- Use graph paper to organize work
- Ask for uncluttered worksheets

Helpful Resources:

- Dyscalculia.org
- Kognitivt Centrum