Overview: Dysgraphia

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Dysgraphia is a neurological disorder involving the writing process that often results in incorrect spelling and poor handwriting. This can occur after, but is not limited to, traumatic experiences. The primary cause of this disorder is currently not known.

Noticeable Behaviors:

• Illegible writing
• Mixture of writing types/styles (cursive and print, lower and upper case)
• Cramped grip
• Avoidance of written projects
• Slow and labored writing
• Difficulty with lines/margins/spacing
• Writing is inconsistent with other language skills

Accommodation Strategies:

• Allow more time for writing assignments
• Dictate assignments/notes
• Make use of abbreviations
• Implement checklists of writing steps
• Reduce length of writing assignments
• Use word processing/computers
• Speech recognition software

Helpful Resources:

• National Institute of Neurological Disorders