Overview: Nonverbal Learning Disorder

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Nonverbal Learning Disorder, referred to as NLD, is a neurological disorder in the right side of the brain. It greatly affects the perception of non-verbal information, resulting in difficulties with visual-spatial, communicative, and organizational information.

Noticeable Behaviors:

- Remarkable rote memory skills
- High verbal ability/vocabulary
- Strong auditory retention
- Difficulty with visual-spatial organization
- Inability to understand non-verbal communication
- Trouble distinguishing tone of voice, inferences, facial expressions

Accommodation Strategies:

- Avoid assignments involving copying text
- Simple layouts on assignments/test
- Use graph paper to organize work
- Limit quantity of writing
- Utilize predictability of routines
- Check for understanding
- Make directions/expectations clear and simple
- Verbally teach (talk self through tasks)

Helpful Resources:

- Nonverbal Learning Disorders Association
- NLD on the Web