

**Your SC TOP application indicated your interest in IDEA services:**

Do you suspect your child has a learning disability?

Where can you find testing and services to help you figure out?

**Local School District:** Homeschoolers can get screening tests and some services through the school district for free. The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA 2004) distributes funding to the school districts for private school and homeschool students. Each school district has a set amount of funding available (and it's different amounts from one district to the next). Depending on how many students access that—determines how much services the district can offer.

**Contact:** your local school district “child find” or “special services” coordinator.

**However, the diagnosis is workable without the school.**

In fact, many homeschoolers don't want the school's help or advice on the matter. There is no legal obligation to notify or involve the school if you don't want to.

**Understood.org** is a great place to start investigating your child's learning issue. It's a free, national resource hub. Tune in for weekly webinars and live chats with experts on various learning disabilities.

Understood has developed Thru Your Child's Eyes simulator to show you how your child views the world and why they are getting frustrated. You select the child's age and learning issue to personalize the simulation.

**Gifted Homeschoolers.org** is a website devoted to giftedness. Many students are actually Twice Exceptional (2E), but are not recognized. Most gifted children are developmentally asynchronous, but when the unevenness in their abilities is significant a child is considered “Twice Exceptional.” This means the child is both gifted and has identified learning differences or other emotional or mental health disorders. Often, children who are twice exceptional are misdiagnosed or one of their diagnoses is overlooked by the adults around them.

**Homeschoolingthespecialneedschild.com** is a local consultant, Susan Blackwell, who offers testing and curriculum counseling for SC Homeschoolers.

More testing and services are listed on the SC Homeschooling Connection:

Learning Disabilities Resources:

<http://www.homeschoolingsc.org/learning-disabilities-resources/>