NJCLD
National Joint Committe on
Learning Disabillities

COVID-19 & Learning Disabilities (LD)



The current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented challenges for children and their families, schools and the entire education and human services communities.

The member organizations that comprise the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD) are united to ensure that students with learning disabilities are provided the services and supports to which they are entitled under law.

We recommend that decisions impacting the lives of pre-K-12 and postsecondary students with learning disabilities (LD) be made with the following principles in mind:



Maintain high expectations for student achievement



Provide students & educators equitable access to technology & online instruction



Ensure ongoing legal rights & protections



Continue ongoing support for educators



Enhance communication between school personnel & students' families



Increase funding for school improvement & research



Prioritize the needs of students exiting high school & those transitioning to, or enrolled in, postsecondary education