

# DYSGRAPHIA

## Motor Skills:

Poor fine motor coordination that results in awkward or cramped pencil grip.

Handwriting that appears jagged or spidery with incomplete or poorly formed letters.

Handwriting that is often illegible.

Slow handwriting speed.

## WHAT IS DYSGRAPHIA ?

DYSGRAPHIA is a Specific Learning Difficulty related to the skills of writing. As with other specific learning difficulties, it persists into adulthood and is a life long condition affecting a combination of motor and information processing skills.

Thus, Dysgraphic individuals have difficulty with both the physical aspect of writing and the thought processes associated with written expression.

## Information processing skills:

Difficulty sequencing and organising written work.

Difficulty following a structured format and keeping track of thoughts.

Difficulty with word retrieval.

Difficulty getting their ideas or initial thoughts down on paper.

Difficulty with syntax, grammar and spelling.

Inconsistent use and/or spelling of words within the same document.