

# the Reading Success Movement

## Potential causes of reading and learning difficulties

Many factors impact a student's ability to read and learn successfully. There are two groups of factors, extrinsic and intrinsic. Below are examples of individual factors under each category.

Most academic testing only looks at the Learned Skills Category and does not address Processing and Mindset skills.

If a student struggles with learning, it may be necessary to evaluate a complete set of factors in order to identify the causes and address the need.

Ideally, each elementary school can develop a system to address any issues in each category so that each student can become a proficient reader and learner, preferably by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Every learning-capable student can become a successful reader if given adequate learning experiences. Students who enter kindergarten behind in the foundational skills that empower reading success need to be immersed in the right training to catch them up so they can succeed.

