Educating Individuals with Disabilities: IDEIA 2004 and Beyond

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Before the passage of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act in 1975, U.S. students with physical and learning disabilities frequently went undiagnosed, received inadequate treatment, or were even barred from attending school. And until recently, traditional measures of learning disability were often too crude to separate the learning-disabled student from students having academic difficulties due to other reasons, such as emotional issues or language problems.

Grigorenko's new book discusses how learning-disabled students are identified and assessed today, in light of the 2004 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act. One of the major changes in IDEIA 2004, for instance, is the "Response to Intervention" (RTI) provision, which allows school districts to better identify students with legitimate learning disabilities and provide them with individualized, evidence-based instruction.

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