Competent Authority

Here are some examples of Competent Authorities to guide you in selecting a certifier for you or your child.

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| Reading Accommodation | Special education teachers  
Learning disability, dyslexia, or resource specialist  
Reading specialist  
Educational diagnostician  
Child study teams  
School psychologist  
Clinical psychologist with a background in learning disabilities  
Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy (including family doctors, psychiatrists, and neurologists) |
| Specific Learning Disability | Special education teachers  
Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI)  
Doctors of Medicine  
Doctors of Osteopathy  
Ophthalmologists  
Optometrists  
Registered nurses  
Therapists, including physical therapists  
Professional staff of hospitals, institutions, public or social welfare agencies (e.g. occupational therapists, social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents) |
| Blindness or Visual Impairment | |
| Other Physical Disability | |

General Education Teachers, School Principles, and Librarians should only be considered certifiers if they have a background or specialized training in special education, visual impairments, medicine, reading and literacy, etc.