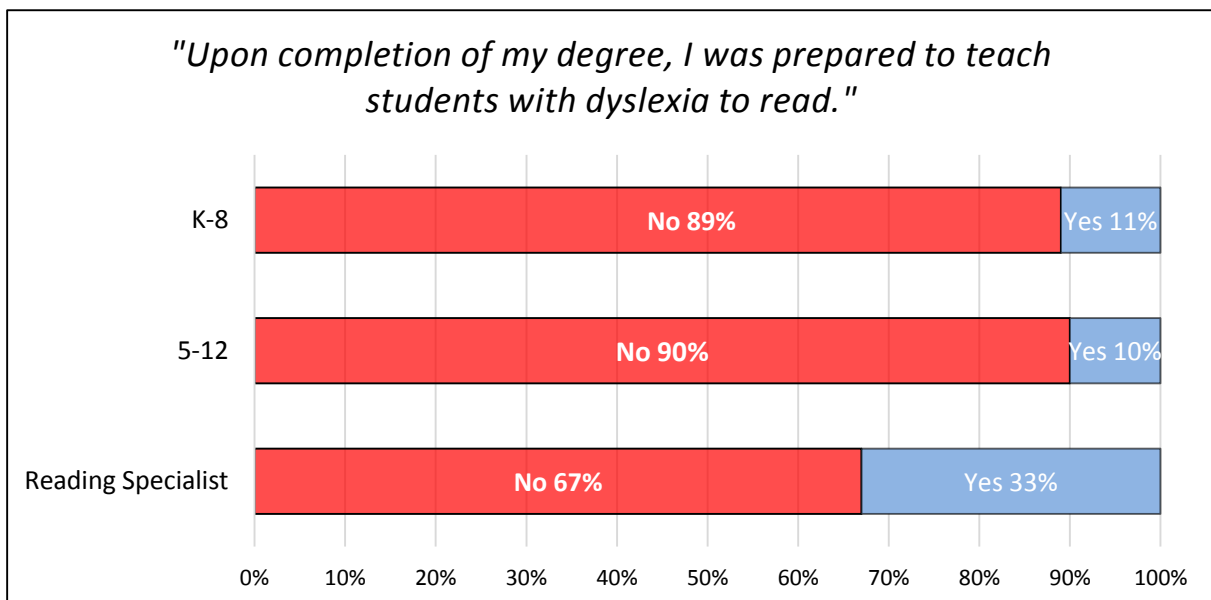
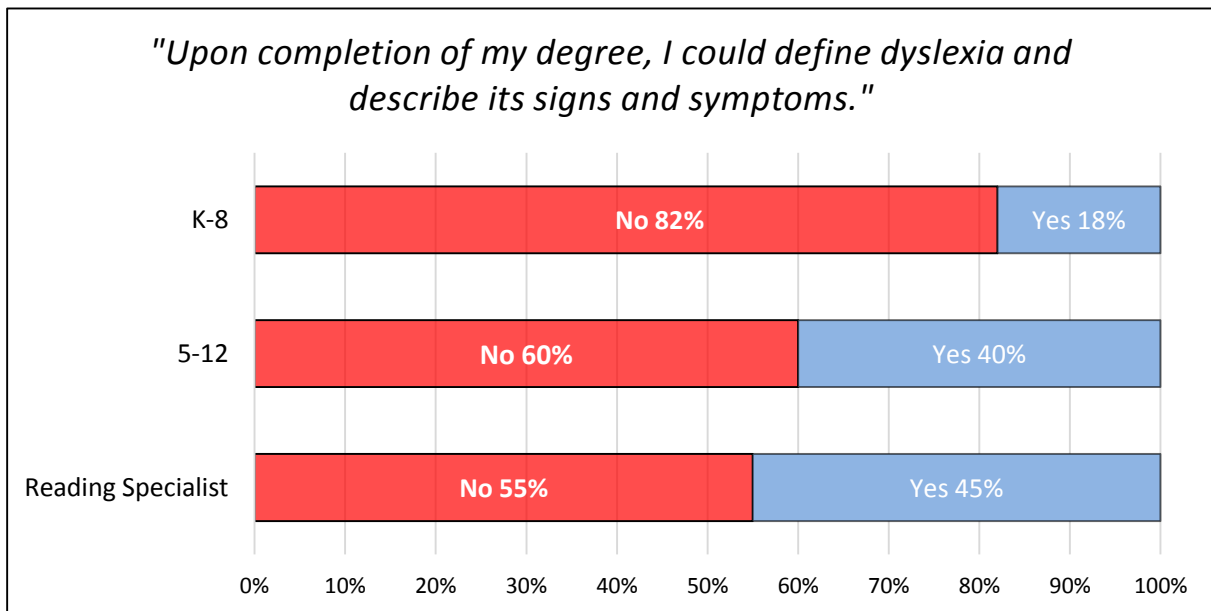




## DECODING DYSLEXIA IOWA EDUCATOR SURVEY

Respondents: 114 educators in districts throughout Iowa who responded to an email survey invitation. All have degrees from an Iowa college or university AND an Iowa Reading Endorsement:

- 31% Reading Specialists
- 24% Elementary classroom teachers
- 16% Special Education teachers
- 11% AEA professionals



**"I can't remember a time when dyslexia was mentioned in college classes."**

*"We learned about Dyslexia, however were never taught how to teach students with this disability. As a Reading Interventionist, it is very important for me to learn more about teaching these types of students."*

**"I was not prepared at all to teach students with dyslexia. Anything I've tried, I've researched myself online or in books."**

*"We are behind as a state in supporting dyslexics and neglecting them as learners. I have taught in other states that have a specific intervention in place to support Dyslexics. They do this by training specialist and share them between campuses to provide customized interventions for dyslexics. I've seen it work with my own eyes and the results are amazing. Iowa CAN do something like this because we are a great state. We have always cared about our students and taken care of their learning needs. It is time we address this issue so that we have a safety net in place for these learners. First we need to acknowledge that this is a problem and we can do better. Next we need additional funding so that we can train and create Dyslexia Specialist positions. I know many reading specialists and teachers that would be willing to train and help create this system."*

**"I have spent a large amount of my own time and money reading about, attending conferences on, and purchasing materials to best support my dyslexic learners. All of the materials and conferences have been financed by me, personally."**

"Everything I have learned about dyslexia has come from my own searching out information from different states and taking their college credits on line. I know more about dyslexia than the specialist at the AEA."

***"I can analyze literature, but teaching struggling readers was something I had to find out about on my own. My Masters is in reading and I feel very deficient in my knowledge of dyslexia. What a disservice to not teach teachers about dyslexia and its remediation."***

**"I have been teaching for 18 years. I taught Reading Recovery for 6 years and have been an interventionist for 7 years. The way I learned about dyslexia was through my daughter who was diagnosed with it 2 years ago."**