

Disability & Special Education Acronyms

AAC Alternative Augmentative Communication	EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment	P&A Protection & Advocacy
ABA Applied Behavioral Analysis	ERIC Educational Resources Information Center	PALS Peer-Assisted Learning System
ABC Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence	ESD Extended School Day	PASS Plan for Achieving Self-Support
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act	ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act	PBS Positive Behavioral Supports
ADD Attention Deficit Disorder	ESL English as a Second Language	PCA Personal Care Attendant
ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ESY or EYS Extended School Year or Extended Year Services	PD Physical Disability
ADLs Activities of Daily Living	FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education	PDD Pervasive Developmental Disorder
ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution	FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	PEI Spanish acronym for the Individualized Education Program (Plan Educativo Individualizado)
AIM Accessible Instructional Materials	FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment	Perkins Act Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act
APE Adaptive Physical Education	FC Facilitated Communication	PI Physically Impaired
APR Annual Performance Report	FEOG Full Educational Opportunity Goal	PLEP or PLP Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
ARD Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee	FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	PP Paraprofessional
ARRA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	FOIA Freedom of Information Act	PS Preschool
ASD Autism Spectrum Disorders	GE General Education	PT Physical Therapy
ASL American Sign Language	GPRA Government Performance and Results Act	PTI Parent Training and Information Center
AT Assistive Technology	GT Gifted and Talented	
AYP Adequate Yearly Progress		
BD Behavioral Disorder	HI Hearing Impaired	RFP Request for proposals
BIE Bureau of Indian Education	HO Hearing Officer	RS Related Services
BIP Behavioral Intervention Plan	HoH Hard of Hearing	RTI Response to Intervention
BOE Board of Education	HOUSSE High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation	RTTT Race to the Top Fund
	HQT Highly Qualified Teacher	
CAP Corrective Action Plan		§ This symbol means "Section" as in "§ 300.7 Child with a disability" in the IDEA regulations
CAPD Central Auditory Processing Disorder	IA Instructional Assistant	SAS Supplementary Aids and Services
CAPTA Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act	IAES Interim Alternative Educational Setting	SB Spina Bifida
CBA Curriculum Based Assessment	ID Intellectual Disabilities	SCHIP State Children's Health Insurance Program
CC Closed Captioning	IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	SE Special Education
CDA Child Development Associate	IEE Individualized Educational Evaluation	SEA State Education Agency
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	IEP Individualized Education Program	SEAC Special Education Advisory Committee
CEC Council for Exceptional Children	IES Institute of Education Sciences	Section 504 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
CF Cystic Fibrosis	IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan	SED Serious Emotional Disturbance
CFR Code of Federal Regulations	IHE Institution of Higher Education	SI Sensory Integration
CIFMS Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System	ITCA Infants and Toddlers Coordinators Association	SIG State Improvement Grant
COP Community of Practice	ITP Individualized Transition Plan	SIP State Implementation Plan
CP Cerebral Palsy		SLD Specific Learning Disability
CPRC Community Parent Resource Center	LD Learning Disability	SLI Speech/Language Impairment
CSHCN Children with Special Health Care Needs	LEA Local Education Agency	SLP Speech/Language Pathologist
CSPD Comprehensive System of Personnel Development	LEP Limited English Proficiency	SMI Severely Multiply Impaired
CST Child Study Team	LRE Least Restrictive Environment	SPOA Specific Power of Attorney
		SPP State Performance Plan
DAPE Developmental Adapted Physical Education	MD Muscular Dystrophy	SSDI Social Security Disability Income
DB Deaf-Blind	MD or MH Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped	SSI Supplemental Security Income
DCD Developmental Cognitive Disability	MDE Minnesota Department of Education	SST Student Study Team
DD Developmental Delay	MDR Manifestation Determination Review	
DD Act Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	MMR Mildly Mentally Retarded	TA&D Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
D/HH Deaf/Hard of Hearing	Mod MR Moderately Mentally Retarded	TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
DIBELS Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy	MOU Memorandum of Understanding	TBI Traumatic Brain Injury
DoDDS Department of Defense Dependent Schools	MR Mental Retardation	TDD Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
DS Down Syndrome		TMH Trainable Mentally Handicapped
DSM Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association	NASDSE National Association of State Directors of Special Education	TMR Trainable Mentally Retarded
	NCLB No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)	TS Tourette Syndrome
E/BD Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	NIH National Institutes of Health	T-TA Training and Technical Assistance
ECE Early Childhood Education	NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard	TTY Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
ECSE Early Childhood Special Education	NIMH National Institute of Mental Health	TWWIIA Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
ED Emotional Disturbance	NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule Making	
ED U.S. Department of Education		VI Visual Impairment
EDGAR Education Department General Administrative Regulations	 OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	Voc Ed Vocational Education
EHA Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)	OCR Office of Civil Rights	VR Vocational Rehabilitation
EHDI Early Hearing Detection and Intervention	ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder	WIC Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)
EI Early Intervention	OHI Other Health Impairment	WWC What Works Clearinghouse
EIS Early Intervening Services	OHD Other Health Disability	
ELL English Language Learner	OI Orthopedic Impairment	
EMH Educable Mentally Handicapped	O & M Orientation and Mobility	
EMR Educable Mentally Retarded	OSEP Office of Special Education Programs	
	OT Occupational Therapy	