

Educational Programs, Cont...

IK: Integrated Kindergarten

IAC: Intensive Academic Center

ILC: Integrated Learning Center

LRC: Learning Resource Center

Other

OSPI: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

RTI: Response to Intervention

SEL: Social Emotional Learning

WISM: Washington Integrated System of Monitoring

MD: Manifestation Determination

EI: Early Intervention

ELL: English Language Learners

ESA: Educational Staff Associate

Other, Cont...

ESD: Educational Service District

FTE: Full Time Equivalent

IE: Inclusive Education

LEA: Local Education Agency

MDT: Multiple Disciplinary Team

MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Additional Services

COTA: Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

OT: Occupational Therapist

PT: Physical Therapist

PTA: Physical Therapist Assistant

SLP: Speech Language Pathologist

SOURCES:

www.understood.org

www.k12.wa.us

www.highlineschools.org



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Special Education Acronym Cheat Sheet

A guide to help you understand
the confusing world of
educational acronyms



Relevant Laws

504: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990

ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act, 2015

FAPE: Free and Appropriate Access to Public Education (legal right for children with disabilities to receive education)

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (gives families access rights to educational data)

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (law covering special education provision)

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment (requirement to place students correctly)

PWN: Prior Written Notice (requirement to inform parents/guardians about changes/actions)

RCW: Revised Code of Washington (compilation of laws in force)

WAC: Washington Administrative Code (codified regulations)

Academic Testing

SBA: Smarter Balanced Assessment (standards aligned assessment)

P/SAT: Practice/Scholastic Aptitude Test (assessments run by College Board)

WA-AIM: Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (alternate assessment)

Academic Testing, Cont...

WCAS: Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (interim assessments grade 5, 8, 11)

WIDA: World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (screeners for English language proficiency)

Planning Documents

504 Plan: details accommodations for a student to ensure equal access to education

BIP: Behavior Intervention Plan (developed from a FBA, below)

CAP: Corrective Action Plan (plan to prevent further unwanted outcomes)

ERP: Emergency Response Protocol (prior agreed response to emergency situation)

FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment (assessment to understand causes of challenging behavior)

HIB: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (policies and planning to prevent those situations)

IEE: Independent Educational Evaluation (assessment performed outside the school district)

IEP: Individualized Education Program (program of learning, developed with team approach including families and designed for unique needs of student. Including plan of delivery and goals)

IHP: Individualized Health Plan (plan focused on health and medical needs of student)

ITP: Individualized Transition Plan (plan to enable smooth transition to post-schooling)

Learning Tools

AIM: Accessible Instructional Materials

AT: Assistive Technology

AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress

CAA: Certificate of Academic Achievement

CBA/M: Curriculum Based Assessment/Measurement

CCSS: Common Core State Standards

CIA: Certificate of Individual Achievement

MAG: Measurable Annual Goals

PLAAFP: Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance

SDI: Specially Designed Instruction

Educational Programs

SPED: Special Education (all specially designed learning programs for students with disabilities)

CF: Child Find (responsibility to locate students with disability within the community)

CBS: Community Based Services

DHH: Deaf/Hard of Hearing

ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education

EBC: Emotional Behavioral Center

ECEAP: Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

ESY: Extended School Year

GE: General Education

IAES: Interim Alternate Education Setting