

Special Education Acronyms

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis	NCSC – National Center and State Collaborative
ADD/ADHD – Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder	NVLD – Nonverbal learning disability
Alt – Alternate (Assessment and/or Curriculum)	OCD – Obsessive compulsive disorder
APE – Adapted Physical Education	OHI – Other health impairment
ASL – American Sign Language	OI – Orthopedic impairment
ASD – Autism spectrum disorder	OT – Occupational therapy (therapist)
AT – Assistive technology	PBIS – Positive behavioral intervention and support
AYP – Adequate yearly progress	PECS – Picture Exchange Communication System
BIP – Behavior intervention plan	PLAAFP – Present Level of Academic and Functional Performance
CBI – Community based instruction	PLOP – Present Level of Performance
COMAR – Code of Maryland Regulations	PT – Physical therapy (therapist)
COS – Child Outcomes System	PRC – Parent Resource Center
CSLA – Community Support Living Arrangements	PWN – Prior Written Notice
DD – Developmental Delay	QRI – Qualitative Reading Inventory
DDA – Developmental Disabilities Administration	RISE – Responsive & Individualized Support Environment
DORS – Division of Rehabilitation Services	SDI – Specially designed instruction
DS – Down syndrome	SL – Speech and language
EBD – Emotional behavioral disability	SLD – Specific learning disability
ED – Emotional disability	SLP – Speech-language pathologist
EL – English learner	SPD – Sensory processing disorder
ESY – Extended school year	STEP – Student Transition Employability Program
FAPE – Free appropriate public education	TBI – Traumatic brain injury
FBA – Functional behavioral assessment	VI – Visual impairment
FERPA – Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	504 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act
HSA – High School Assessment	
HI – Hearing impaired	
IEE – Independent Educational Evaluation	
ID – Intellectual disability	
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	
IEP – Individualized education program	
LAC – Local Accountability Coordinator	
LD – Learning disability (disabled)	
LEP – Limited English Proficiency	
LFI – Learning for Independence	
LRE – Least restrictive environment	
MCAP – Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program	
MMSR – Maryland Model for School Readiness	
MSDE – Maryland State Department of Education	
NCLB – No Child Left Behind	

