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AAC = Alternative Augmentative Communication

AAIDD = American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

ABA = Applied Behavior Analysis

ABC = Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence

ACES = Area Cooperative Educational Services

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD/ADHD = Attention Deficit/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADL's = Activities of Daily Living

ADR = Alternative Dispute Resolution

ASHA = American Speech and Language Association

AIM = Accessible Instructional Material

ALJ = Administrative Law Judge

ANSI = American National Standard Institute

APD = Auditory Processing Disorder

APE = Adaptive Physical Education

A ⓘ APR = Annual Review / Annual Performance Report

ASD = Autism Spectrum Disorder
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ASHA = American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

ASL = American Sign Language

AT = Assistive Technology

ATA = Assistive Technology Act

ATA = Alliance for Technology Access

ATAP = Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs

ATP = Assistive Technology Professional

AUT = Autism

AYP = Adequate Yearly Progress

B

BCBA = Board Certified Behavior Analyst

BESB = Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind

BIP = Behavior Intervention Plan

BOE = Board of Education

BRS = Bureau of Rehabilitative Services



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CARS = Childhood Autism Rating Scale

CAST = Center for Applied Special Technology

CACIL = Connecticut Association of Center for Independent Living

CAPD = Central Auditory Processing Disorder

CAPTA = Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

CBA = Curriculum Based Assessment

CC = Closed Captioning

CCSS = Common Core State Standards

CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEA = Connecticut Education Association

CEC = Council for Exceptional Children

CES = Cooperative Educational Services

CF = Cystic Fibrosis

CF = Child Find

CHIP = Children's Health Insurance Program

CT^{EM}MS = Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System

COTA = Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant



CP = Cerebral Palsy

CPIR = Center for Parent Information and Resources

CPRC = Community Parent Resource Center

CSDE = Connecticut State Department of Education

CSHCN = Children with Special Health Care Needs

CST = Child Study Team

CREC = Capitol Region Education Council



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DAISY = Digital Accessibility Information System

DCF/DCFS = Department of Children and Families / Services

DD = Developmental Delay

DDS = Department of Developmental Services

DIBELS = Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills

DME = Durable Medical Equipment

DOC = Department of Corrections

DoDDS = Department of Defense Dependent Schools

DOE = Department of Education

DOH = Department of Health

DPH = Due Process Hearing

DPHO = Due Process Hearing Officer

DS = Down Syndrome

DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (by the American Psychiatric Association)



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EBP = Evidence-based Practice

ECE = Early Childhood Education

ECSE = Early Childhood Special Education

ED = Emotional Disturbance

ED = United States Department of Education

EDGAR = Education Department General Administrative Regulations

EHDI = Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

EI = Early Intervention

EIS = Early Intervention Services

ELL = English Language Learner

EPSDT = Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

ERIC = Education Resources Information Center

ESSA = Elementary and Secondary Education Act (former NCLB)

ESL = English as a Second Language

ESY = Extended school year



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FAPE = Free Appropriate Public Education

FAS = Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FBA = Functional Behavior Assessment

FCTD = Family Center on Technology and Disability

FERPA = Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

FM = Focused Monitoring

FOIA = Freedom of Information Act

G

GATE = Gifted and Talented Education

GE = General Education

GPRA = Government Performance and Results Act

GT = Gifted and Talented



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HI = Hearing Impaired

HIPAA = Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act

HoH = Hard of Hearing



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IABs = Interim Assessment Blocks (SBAC)

ID = Intellectual Disabilities

IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEE = Independent Education Evaluation

IEP = Individualized Education Plan

IES = Institute of Education Services

IFSP = Individualized Family Service Plan

IHCP = Individualized Health Care Plan

ISP = Individualized Service Plan

IT = information technology

IHE = Institution of Higher Education

ITCA = Infants and Toddlers Coordinators Association

ITP = Individualized Transition Plan

IQ = Intelligence Quotient

J



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L

LD = Learning Disabilities

LEA = Local Education Agency

LEP = Limited English Proficiency

LRE = Least Restrictive Environment

M

MD = Muscular Dystrophy

MD = Multiple Disabilities

MOU = Memorandum of Understanding

MTSS = Multi-Tiered System of Supports



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NASDSE = National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NATRI = National Assistive Technology Research Institute

NCLB = No Child Left Behind Act (2015 became ESSA)

NEA = National Education Association

NEAT = New England Assistive Technology Center

NECTAC = National Early Childhood and Technical Assistance Center

NIH = National Institutes of Health

NIMAS = National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NIMH = National Institute of Mental Health



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OAH = Office of Administrative Hearings

OCD = Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

OCR = Office of Civil Rights

ODD = Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OHI = Other Health Impairment

OI = Orthopedic Impairment

O&M = Orientation and Mobility

OOD = Out of District

OSEP = Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education

OSERS = Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OSHA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OT = Occupational Therapist/Therapy



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PALS = Peer-Assisted Learning System

PARA = Paraprofessional

PARCC = Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

Part B = Special Education - School-Aged Children

Part C = Special Education - Birth-Two/Three Years Old

PBIS = Positive Behavior Intervention and Support

PCA = Personal Care Attendant

PD = Physical Disability

PII = Personally Identifiable Information

PLOP = Present Levels of Performance (also PLEP or PLP)

PPPSS = Parentally Placed Private School Students

PPT = Planning and Placement Team

PT = Physical Therapist/Therapy

PTIC = Parent Training and Information Center

PWN = Prior Written Notice



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QIAT = Quality Indicators for Assistive Technologies

R

RBI = routine-based interview

RESC = regional educational service center

RESNA = Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America

RS = Related Services

RTI = Response to Intervention



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SAS = Supplementary Aids and Services

SB = Spina Bifida

SBAC = Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

SCHIP = State Children's Health Insurance Program

SDC = Special Day Class

SEA = Stamford Education Association

SEAC = Special Education Advisory Committee

Section 504 = Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Section 619 = Special Education - 3 to 5 years old

SEPAC = Special Education Parent Advisory Council


SERC = State Education Resource Center

SETT = Student, Environment, Task, and Tools

SI = Sensory Integration

SIG = State Improvement Grant

SIMR = State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities

SIP  = State Implementation Plan

SLD = Specific Learning Disability

SLI = Speech-Language Impairment

SLP = Speech-Language Pathologist

SSDI = Social Security Disability Income

SSI = Supplemental Security Income

SSIP = State Systematic Improvement Plan

SST = Student Study Team

SRBI = Scientific Research-Based Intervention

SW = Social Worker

T

TA&D = Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network (OSEP)

TANF = Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury

TDD/TTY = Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf

TS = Tourette Syndrome

TTY = Teletypewriter (phone system for Deaf/HoH)

TOHI = Teacher of the Hearing Impaired

T ⓘ = Teacher of the Visually Impaired

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