

Special Education Acronyms

A family-friendly glossary of common special education terms

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504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

A

AAC

Augmentative & Alternative Communication

AB

Assembly Bill (State Legislation); Adaptive Behavior

ABA

Applied Behavior Analysis

ADA

American Disability Act; Average Daily Attendance

ADD

Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADR

Alternative Dispute Resolution

AMAOs

Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives

AP

Assessment Plan

APE

Adapted Physical Education

API

Academic Performance Index

APR

Annual Performance Report

ASD

Autism Spectrum Disorder

AT

Assistive Technology

AU

Administrative Unit

AYP

Adequate Yearly Progress

B

BCBA

Board Certified Behavior Analyst

C

CA

Chronological Age

CAC

Community Advisory Committee; California

CAHSEE

California High School Exit Exam

CALPADS

California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System

CAPA

California Alternate Performance Assessment

CASEMIS

California Special Education Management Information System

CASPP

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

CBI

Community-Based Instruction

CBM

Curriculum-Based Measurement

CBS

Community-Based Services

CCR

California Code of Regulations

CCS

California Children's Service

CCSS

Common Core State Standards

CCTC

California Commission in Teacher Credentialing

CDE

California Department of Education

CELDT

California English Language Development Test

CFR

Code of Federal Regulations

CMA

California Modified Assessment

COE

County Office of Education

CPS

Child Protective Services

CST

California Standards Test

CTE

Career Technical Education

CWA

Child Welfare and Attendance

D

DB

Deaf/Blind

DDS

Department of Developmental Services

DHH

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

DMH

Department of Mental Health

DO

District Office

DOF

Department of Finance

DSS

Department of Social Services

E

EC

Education Code

ECE

Early Childhood Education

ED

Emotional Disturbance

EL

English Learner

ELA

English-Language Arts

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ELD English-Language Development	IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan	OCR Office of Civil Rights
ELM English-Language Mainstream (classroom)	IRC Inland Regional Center	OHI Other Health Impaired
EMT Educational Monitoring Team	ISP Individualized Service Plan	OI Orthopedically Impaired
ESY Extended School Year	ITP Individualized Transition Plan	OSEP Office of Special Education Programs (U.S.D.E.)
F	L	OT Occupational Therapy
FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education	LAGOS Linguistically Appropriate Goals and Objectives	P
FBA Functional Behavior Analysis	LAO Legislative Analyst Office	PBIP Positive Behavior Intervention Plan
FEP Fluent English Proficient	LCI Licensed Children's Institute	PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	LEA Local Education Agency	PE Physical Education
FES Fluent English Speaker	LEP Limited English Proficient	PL Public Law
FFH Foster Family Home	LRE Least Restrictive Environment	PLD Proficiency Level Descriptors (English Learners)
FMTEA Focused Monitoring Technical Assistance (CDE-SED)	M	PLOP Present Levels of Performance
FTE Full-Time Equivalent	MH Multihandicapped; Mental Health	PSRS Procedural Safeguards and Referral Service
I	MOU Memorandum of Understanding	PT Physical Therapy
IA Instructional Aide	MTSS Multitiered System of Support	PTA Parent Teacher Association
IAES Interim Alternate Education Setting	MTU Medical Therapy Unit	PWN Prior Written Notice
ID Intellectual Disability	N	Q
IDEIA Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	NCLB No Child Left Behind	QAP Quarterly Assurance Process
IEE Independent Education Evaluation	NPS/A Nonpublic School/Agency	R
IEP Individualized Education Program	O	RCOE Riverside County Office of Education
	OAH Office of Administrative Hearings	

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RFEP

Reclassified Fluent English Proficient

RS

Related Services

RSP

Resource Specialist Program

RTC

Residential Treatment Center

RTI

Response to Intervention

S

SARB

School Attendance Review Board

SB

Senate Bill (State Legislation)

SBAC

Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium

SD

Standard Deviation; School District

SDAIE

Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English

SDC

Special Day Class

SDE

State Department of Education

SEACO

Special Education Administrators of County Offices

SED

Special Education Division (at CDE)

SEI

Structured English Immersion

SELPA

Special Education Local Plan Area

SEPAC

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

SH

Severely Handicapped

SLD

Specific Learning Disability

SLI

Speech Language Impaired

SLP

Speech Language Pathologist

SOP

State Operated Program; Summary of Performance

SSID

Statewide Student Identifier

SSIP

State Systemic Improvement Plan

SSPI

State Superintendent Public Instruction

SST

Student Study Team

SWD

Student with Disability

T

TBI

Traumatic Brain Injury

TIDE

Test Information Distribution Engine

U

UDL

Universal Design for Learning

USD

Unified School District

USDE

United States Department of Education

V

VI

Visually Impaired

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