

Special Education Acronym Terms

AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication	FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act	FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
ADD/ADHD - Attention Deficit/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	GE - General Education
ADLs - Activities of Daily Living	GT - Gifted and Talented
ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution	HI - Hearing Impaired
APE - Adaptive Physical Education	HO - Hearing Officer
ARD - Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee	IA - Instructional Assistant
ASL - American Sign Language	IAES - Interim Alternative Educational Setting
AT - Assistive Technology	IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
BD - Behavioral Disorder	IEE - Individualized Educational Evaluation
CA - Chronological Age	IEP - Individualized Education Program
CAP - Corrective Action Plan	IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder	IHE - Institution of Higher Education
CF - Cystic Fibrosis	ITP - Individualized Transition Plan
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations	LD - Learning Disability
CP - Cerebral Palsy	LEP - Limited English Proficiency
CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development	LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
CST - Child Study Team	MA - Mental Age
DB - Deaf-Blind	MD - Muscular Dystrophy
DD - Developmental Delay	MD or MH - Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
DD - Act Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	MMR - Mildly Mentally Retarded
DoDDS - Department of Defense Dependent Schools	Mod MR - Moderately Mentally Retarded
DS - Down Syndrome	MR - Mental Retardation
DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association	NDT - Neurodevelopmental Treatment
ECE - Early Childhood Education	NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rule Making
ED - Emotional Disturbance	OCD - Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations	ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder
EHA - Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)	OHI - Other Health Impairment
EI - Early Intervention	OI - Orthopedic Impairment
EMH - Educable Mentally Handicapped	O & M - Orientation and Mobility
EMR - Educable Mentally Retarded	OT - Occupational Therapy
EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment	PALS - Peer-Assisted Learning System
ESD - Extended School Day	PASS - Plan for Achieving Self-Support
ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act	PBS - Positive Behavioral Supports
ESL - English as a Second Language	PCA - Personal Care Attendant
ESY or EYS - Extended School Year or Extended Year Services	PD - Physical Disability
FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education; Families and Advocates Partnership for Education	PDD - Pervasive Developmental Disorder
FAS - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	PLEP or PLP - Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment	PP - Paraprofessional
FC - Facilitated Communication	PS - Preschool
FEOG - Full Educational Opportunity Goal	PT - Physical Therapy
	RS - Related Services
	SAS - Supplementary Aids and Services
	SB - Spina Bifida
	SC - Service Coordinator
	SE - Special Education
	SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee
	SED - Serious Emotional Disturbance

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SI - Sensory Integration
SIG - State Improvement Grant
SIP - State Implementation Plan
SLD - Specific Learning Disability
S/L I - Speech/Language Impairment
S/L P - Speech/Language Pathologist
S/P D or S/P H - Severe/Profound Disability or Handicap
SPOA - Specific Power of Attorney
SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
SST - Student Study Team
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TMH - Trainable Mentally Handicapped
TMR - Trainable Mentally Retarded
TS - Tourette Syndrome
T-TA - Training and Technical Assistance
TTY - Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
TWWIA - Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
VI - Visual Impairment
Voc Ed - Vocational Education
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation