

Special Education Acronyms

Quick Reference Guide

AAC:	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA:	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADA:	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD:	Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADHD:	Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs:	Activities of Daily Living
APE:	Adaptive Physical Education
ASD:	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL:	American Sign Language
AT:	Assistive Technology
AYP:	Adequate Yearly Progress
BIP:	Behavioral Intervention Plan
CD:	Cognitive Delay
CF:	Cystic Fibrosis
CP:	Cerebral Palsy
CST:	Child Study Team
DB:	Deaf-Blind
DD:	Developmental Delay
DOE:	Department of Education
DoH:	Department of Health
DPH:	Due Process Hearing Officer
DS:	Down Syndrome
ECE:	Early Childhood Education
EBD:	Emotional Behavioral Disturbance
EI:	Early Intervention
ESD:	Extended School Day
ESEA:	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL:	English as a Second Language
ESY/EYS:	Extended School Year or Extended Year Services
FAPE:	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS:	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA:	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA:	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FM:	Focused Monitoring
GE:	General Education
GT:	Gifted and Talented
H:	Hearing Impaired
ID:	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE:	Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP:	Individualized Education Program

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan
IQ: Intelligence Quotient
ITP: Individualized Transition Plan
LD: Learning Disability
LEA: Local Education Agency
LRE: Least Restrictive Environment
MD: Muscular Dystrophy
MD or MH: Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
NCLB: No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
NEA: National Education Association
OCD: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI: Other Health Impairment
OI: Orthopedic Impairment
O & M: Orientation and Mobility Services
OT: Occupational Therapy
PBS: Positive Behavioral Supports
PD: Physical Disability
PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PLEP or PLP: Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
PP: Paraprofessional
PT: Physical Therapy
RDA: Results-Driven Accountability
RS: Related Services
RTI: Response to Intervention
SA: Self-Assessment
SAS: Supplementary Aids and Services
SAT: Student Assistance Team
SB: Spina Bifida
SE: Special Education
Section 504: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SED: Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI: Sensory Integration
SLP: Speech Language Pathologist
SLD: Specific Learning Disability
SLI: Speech/Language Impairment
SLP: Speech/Language Pathologist
TB: Traumatic Brain Injury
TS: Tourette Syndrome
VI: Visual Impairment
Voc Ed: Vocational Education
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation