



# List of Common Special Education Acronyms



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



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- 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