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Acronyms of Special Education



A

AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABC	Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
AC	Area Coordinator **
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AIM	Accessible Instructional Materials
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
APR	Annual Performance Report
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
ATA	Assistive Technology Act
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress

B

BD	Behavioral Disorder
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
BOE	Board of Education

C

CAP	Client Assistance Program
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CBA	Curriculum Based Assessment
CC	Closed Captioning
CCSS	Common Core State Standards
CDA	Child Development Associate
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIFMS	Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CP	Crisis Plan
CST	Child Study Team

D

DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

DESE Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ***

DIBEL Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy

DLP Distance Learning Plan ***

DS Down Syndrome

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

E

EBP Evidence-based Practice

EB Emotional Behavioral

ECE Early Childhood Education

ECSE Early Childhood Special Education

ED Emotional Disturbance

ED U.S. Department of Education

EHDI Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

EI Early Intervention

EIS Early Intervening Services

ELL English Language Learner

EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

ESD Extended School Day

ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act (now called ESSA)

ESL English as a Second Language

ESSA Every Student Succeeds Act

ESY Extended School Year

EYS Extended Year Services

F

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment

FC Facilitated Communication Training

FEOG Full Educational Opportunity Goal

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FOIA Freedom of Information Act

G

GE General Education (also known as GenEd)

GPRA Government Performance and Results Act

GT Gifted and Talented

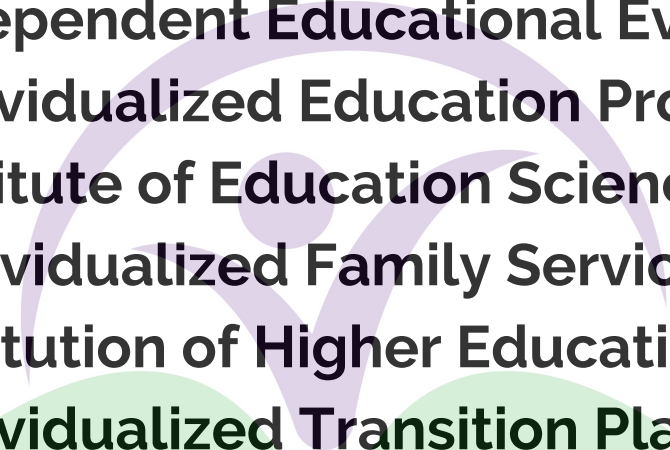
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HI Hearing Impaired

HO Hearing Officer

HoH Hard of Hearing

I



IA	Instructional Assistant
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ID	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan

J

L

LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment

M

MAPS	Making Action Plans
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MD	Multiple Disabilities

MDR Manifestation Determination Review

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MR Mentally Retarded

MTSS Multi-Tiered System of Supports

N

NCLB No Child Left Behind Act (in 2015 as ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act)

NCI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention

NIH Institutes of Health

NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NIMH National Institute of Mental Health

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule Making

O

OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

OCR Office for Civil Rights

ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OHI Other Health Impairment

OI Orthopedic Impairment

O&M Orientation and Mobility Services

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

OT Occupational Therapy

P

P&A	Protection & Advocacy
PAC	Parent Advisory Committee
PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PD	Physical Disability
PEDA	Parent Education and Diversity Awareness **
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
PLP	Present Level of Performance
POS	Purchase of Service **
PP	Paraprofessional (aka Para)
PS	Preschool
PT	Physical Therapy
PTAC	Parent Technical Assistance Center
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center

Q

R

RDA	Results-Driven Accountability
RFP	Request for Proposals
RS	Related Services
RTI	Response to Intervention

S

SAS	Supplementary Aids and Services
SB	Spina Bifida
SE	Special Education (aka SpEd)
SEA	State Education Agency
SEB	Social Emotional Behavioral
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
SETT	Student-centered, Environmentally useful, and Tasks-focused Tool systems
SI	Sensory Integration
SIMR	State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
SLP	Speech, Language, Pragmatics

SSD Special School District ** of St. Louis County, MO
SSI Supplemental Security Income
SST Student Study Team

T

TBI **Traumatic Brain Injury**

TDD **Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf**

TS **Tourette Syndrome**

TTY **Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)**

U

V

VI **Visual Impairment**

VocEd **Vocational Education**

VR **Vocational Rehabilitation**

W

X

Y

Z

Other Abbreviations

504 **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**

§ **This symbol means “Section” of US Code**