

Special Education Acronym Cheat Sheet

A helpful quick-reference guide for common special education and school support acronyms used during meetings, evaluations, and school communication.

Acronym	Meaning
IEP	Individualized Education Program
504	Section 504 Accommodation Plan
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
SPED	Special Education
OT	Occupational Therapy
PT	Physical Therapy
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
ESY	Extended School Year
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AT	Assistive Technology
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
RTI	Response to Intervention
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports
LEA	Local Education Agency
PWN	Prior Written Notice
PLAAFP	Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
ELL	English Language Learner
SEL	Social Emotional Learning
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
APE	Adaptive Physical Education

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