



The IEP Whisperer

Special Education Acronyms

LAWS (or phrases pertaining to them)

- **ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act
- **FAPE:** Free Appropriate Public Education
- **FERPA:** Family Education Rights Privacy Act
- **IDEA:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL PLANS

- **CAP:** Corrective Action Plan
- **IEP:** Individualized Education Plan
- **IFSP:** Individualized Family Service Plan
- **ITP:** Individualized Transition Plan
- **PIP:** Program Improvement Plan

BEHAVIORAL ACRONYMS

- **ABA:** Applied Behavior Analysis
- **ABC:** Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
- **BIP:** Behavioral Intervention Plan
- **CIB:** Contextually Inappropriate Behavior
- **FBA:** Functional Behavior Assessment
- **PBS:** Positive Behavior Supports

- **SIB:** Self Injurious Behavior

COMPONENTS OF AN IEP

- **LRE:** Least Restrictive Environment
- **NOREP:** Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
- **PL(E)P:** Present Levels of (Educational) Performance
- **PWN:** Prior Written Notice
- **RR:** Review Reevaluation
- **RS:** Related Services
- **SDI:** Specifically Designed Instruction

PROGRESS MONITORING & ASSESSMENT

- **AYP:** Adequate Yearly Progress
- **CBA:** Curriculum Based Assessment
- **DIBELS:** Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy
- **ER:** Evaluation Report
- **IEE:** Independent Educational Evaluation
- **MDE :** Multidisciplinary Evaluation

STAFF MEMBERS & AGENCIES

- **BSC:** Behavioral Services Coordinator
- **CEC:** Council for Exceptional Children
- **CST:** Child Study Team
- **HQT:** Highly Qualified Teacher
- **IA:** Instructional Assistant
- **IST:** Instructional Support Team
- **LEA:** Local Education Agency
- **LSSP:** Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
- **MDT:** Multidisciplinary Team
- **NEA:** National Education Association
- **OT:** Occupational Therapist
- **PCA:** Personal Care Attendant
- **PARA:** Paraprofessional
- **PT:** Physical Therapist
- **SEA:** State Education Agency
- **TSS:** Therapeutic Staff Support

INTERVENTIONS, SERVICES & THERAPIES

- **AAC:** Alternative Augmentative Communication
- **ADLs:** Activities of Daily Living
- **APE:** Adapted Physical Education

- **ASL:** American Sign Language
- **AT:** Assistive Technology
- **CBI:** Community Based Instruction
- **EI:** Early Intervention
- **ESD:** Extended School Day
- **ESY:** Extended School Year
- **LSS:** Life Skills Support
- **OT:** Occupational Therapy
- **PALS:** Peer Assisted Learning Support
- **PT:** Physical Therapy
- **SPED:** Special Education
- **VocEd:** Vocational Education
- **VR:** Vocational Rehabilitation

DIAGNOSES & AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY

- **ADHD:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- **ASD:** Autism Spectrum Disorder
- **BD:** Behavior Disorder
- **BI:** Brain Injury
- **B/VI:** Blind/ Visually Impaired
- **CD:** Communication Disorder
- **D/B:** Deaf/Blind
- **DD:** Developmental Delay
- **ED:** Emotional Disturbance
- **ELL:** English Language Learner
- **ESL:** English as a Second Language
- **GT:** Gifted and Talented
- **HI:** Hearing Impaired
- **HOH:** Hard of Hearing
- **ID:** Intellectual Disability
- **LD:** Learning Disability
- **LEP:** Limited English Proficiency
- **MD:** Multiple Disabilities
- **ODD:** Oppositional Defiance Disorder
- **OHI:** Other Health Impairment
- **OI:** Orthopedic Impairment
- **PD:** Physical Disability
- **SLD:** Specific Learning Disability
- **SLI:** Speech Language Impairment
- **TBI:** Traumatic Brain Injury
- **VI:** Visual Impairment

