



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