

Special Education Acronyms

As a parent of a child with disabilities, you will be asked to give input and participate in decision making regarding your child's educational programming. Familiarizing yourself with educational speak or jargon can help you to better understand the decisions and content you are reviewing. Here is a list of acronyms used frequently in special education you will want to know.



EDUCATIONAL AND DISABILITY ACRONYMS

AAA	Alabama Alternate Assessment
AAC	Alabama Administrative Code
AAS	Alternate Achievement Standards
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADRS	Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
AE	Age Equivalent
AEA	Alabama Education Association
AHSD	Alabama High School Diploma
ALSDE	Alabama State Department of Education
AP	Advanced Placement
APEC	Alabama Parent Education Center
AT	Assistive Technology
AUT	Autism
BD	Behavior Disorders
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BOE	Board of Education
CA	Chronological Age
CCRS	College and Career Readiness Standards
COS	Course of Study
CRS	ADRS Children's Rehabilitation Services
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DD	Developmental Delay
DHR	Department of Human Resources
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DOB	Date of Birth
DPH	Due Process Hearing
DYS	Department of Youth Services



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ED	Emotional Disability
EI	Early Intervention
ELL	English Language Learner
ESL	English Second Language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavior Analysis
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FSIQ	Full Scale Intelligence Quotient
FTE	Full Time Equivalency
GE	Grade Equivalent
GPA	Grade Point Average
HI	Hearing Impairment
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
ID	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IHP	Individualized Health Plan
IL	Independent Living
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MA	Mental Age
MD	Multiple Disabilities
NA	Not Applicable
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OT	Occupational Therapy
PE	Physical Education
PLAAFP	Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PT	Physical Therapy
PWN	Prior Written Notice
RN	Registered Nurse
RTI	Response to Instruction
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or 504 Plan



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SES	Special Education Services
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
SPED	Special Education
SS	Standard Score
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
ST	Speech Therapy
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
VI	Visually Impaired
WIC	Women Infants and Children

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