

# Special Education Acronyms

AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
APE	Adapted Physical Education
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
AUT	Autism
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
CAC	Community Advisory Committee
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CASEMIS	California Special Education Management System
CBI	Community Based Instruction
CDE	California Department of Education
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
D/HH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association
EC	Education Code
ED	Emotional Disturbance
ED	U.S. Department of Education
ELL	English Language Learner
EMD	Established Medical Disability
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
GE	General Education
GATE	Gifted and Talented
HI	Hearing Impaired
HH	Hard of Hearing
IA	Instructional Assistant
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program

IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
LEA	Local Education Agency
LI	Low Incidence
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD or MH	Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
MM	Mild Moderate
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act, reauthorized in 2015 as ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act)
NPA	Non-Public Agency
NPS	Non-Public School
OAH	Office of Administrative Hearings
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
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
PT	Physical Therapy
RC	Regional Center
RTI	Response to Intervention
§	This symbol means "Section" as in "§ 300.7 Child with a disability" in the IDEA regulations
SAI	Specialized Academic Instruction
SBE	State Board of Education
SE	Special Education
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Area
SST	Student Study Team
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
VI	Visual Impairment