

Special Education Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
AT	Assistive Technology
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CP	Cerebral Palsy
DD	Developmental Delay
DSM-IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
ESS	Early Supports and Services
ED	Emotional Disturbance
ESY	Extended School Year
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL	English as a Second Language
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
HI	Hearing Impaired
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Act
ID	Intellectual Disability
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
LD	Learning Disability

LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD	Multiple Disabilities
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OT	Occupational Therapy
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury