



Facts-on-Hand Acronyms and Special Education

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Facts-on-Hand is a new, easy-to-read series on special education topics. Listed below are acronyms or abbreviations commonly used in special education and other areas related to individuals with disabilities. You may find some of these in the IDEA '97 regulations, in meetings with school staff, and in the formal paperwork that describes your child's evaluation, eligibility, and educational program. Knowing what these terms mean can help you become more fully informed and a more effective partner in making decisions for and with your child. For related information, also read **Acronyms and Agencies** and **Acronyms and the Law**.

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Term</u>
AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BD	Behavioral Disorder
CA	Chronological Age
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CST	Child Study Team
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependent Schools



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DS	Down Syndrome
DSM	<u>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</u> by the American Psychiatric Association
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)
EI	Early Intervention
EMH	Educable Mentally Handicapped
EMR	Educable Mentally Retarded
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ESD	Extended School Day
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY or EYS	Extended School Year or Extended Year Services
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education; Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC	Facilitated Communication
FEOG	Full Educational Opportunity Goal
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
GE	General Education
GT	Gifted and Talented
HI	Hearing Impaired
HO	Hearing Officer
IA	Instructional Assistant
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education

ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
LD	Learning Disability
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MA	Mental Age
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MD or MH	Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
MMR	Mildly Mentally Retarded
Mod MR	Moderately Mentally Retarded
MR	Mental Retardation
NDT	Neurodevelopmental Treatment
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
O & M	Orientation and Mobility
OT	Occupational Therapy
PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PD	Physical Disability
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
Perkins Act	Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act
PLEP or PLP	Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
PP	Paraprofessional
PS	Preschool
PT	Physical Therapy
RS	Related Services
§	This symbol means "Section" as in "§ 300.7 Child with a disability" in the IDEA regulations

SAS	Supplementary Aids and Services
SB	Spina Bifida
SC	Service Coordinator
SE	Special Education
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI	Sensory Integration
SIG	State Improvement Grant
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
S/L I	Speech/Language Impairment
S/L P	Speech/Language Pathologist
S/P D or S/P H	Severe/Profound Disability or Handicap
SPOA	Specific Power of Attorney
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SST	Student Study Team
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TMH	Trainable Mentally Handicapped
TMR	Trainable Mentally Retarded
TS	Tourette Syndrome
T-TA	Training and Technical Assistance
TTY	Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
TWWIIA	Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
VI	Visual Impairment
Voc Ed	Vocational Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation

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