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Special Education Acronyms

504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act	IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication	IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis	IEP	Individualized Education Program
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living	IHP	Individualized Healthcare Plan
APE	Adaptive Physical Education	LEA	Local Education Agency
ASL	American Sign Language	LEP	Limited English Proficiency
AT	Assistive Technology	LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	MCAD	Mass Commission Against Discrimination
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	MCAS	Mass Comprehensive Assessment System
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan	MCB	Mass Commission for the Blind
BSEA	Board of Special Education Appeals	MCDHH	Mass Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
CBHI	Children's Behavioral Health Initiative	MDDC	Mass Developmental Disabilities Council
CPL	Current Performance Level	MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
CRA	Child Requiring Assistance	OCR	Office for Civil Rights
DCAP	District Curriculum Accomodation Plan	O&M	Orientation & Mobility Services
DCF	Department of Children & Families	OSEP	Office of Special Ed Programs (US DOE)
DDS	Dept. of Developmental Disabilities	OSERS	Office of Special Ed & Rehabilitative Services
DESE	Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education	OT / OTA	Occupational Therapy (Assistant)
DHHS	Dept. of Health & Human Services	PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System
DMH	Dept. of Mental Health	PBIS	Positive Behavioral Intervention / Supports
DPH	Dept. of Public Health	PCA	Personal Care Assistant
DYS	Dept. of Youth Services	PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
EI	Early Intervention	Para	Paraprofessional
EF	Executive Functioning	PRS	Problem Resolution System
ELA	English Language Arts	PT / PTA	Physical Therapy (Assistant)
ELL	English Language Learner	RTI	Response to Intervention
ESD	Extended School Day	SEA	State Education Agency
ESL	English as a Second Language	SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
ESY	Extended School Year	SESP	Special Education Surrogate Parent
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	SLD	Specific Learning Disability
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment	SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
FCSN	Federation for Children with Special Needs	SPED	Special Education
FERPA	Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act	SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
GT	Gifted & Talented	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
HO	Hearing Officer	TPF	Transition Planning Form
IA	Instructional Assistant	UDL	Universal Deesign for Learning
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting	WIOA	Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act