

Acronyms and Abbreviations



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A

A & D	Alcohol and drug
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
AAMD	American Association on Mental Deficiency
AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
AB	Adaptive Behavior
ABC	American Council of the Blind
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ABS	Adaptive Behavior Scale
ACB	American Council of the Blind
ACCH	Association for the Care of Children's Health
ACLD	Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
ACRES	American Council on Rural Special Education
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities (Washington DC)
ADD	Attention-Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AED	Academy for Educational Development
AFB	American Foundation for the Blind
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AG Bell	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALC	Alternative Learning Center
AMI	Alliance for the Mentally Ill
AOM	Assurance of Mastery
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
APHB	American Printing House for the Blind
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
ARC	Now Arc, Formerly known as Association for Retarded Citizens
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee
ASA	Autism Society of America
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL	American Sign Language
ASR	Assessment Summary Report
AT	Assistive Technology
ATA	Alliance for Technology Access
ATRA	American Therapeutic Recreation Association
ATTIC	Assistive Technology Training and Information Center
AU	Autism
AVA	American Vocational Association
AVTI	Area Vocational Technical Institute

B

BD	Behavior Disorders
BIA	Brain Injury Association
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BP	Behavior Problems

C

CA	Chronological Age
CAN	Child Abuse and Neglect
CAP	Community Action Program
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CASE	Council for Administrators of Special Education
CASSP	Child and Adolescent Services System Program
CCD	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
CD	Communication Disorder
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CEU	Continuing Education Units
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFL	(Dept. of) Children, Families and Learning
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHADD	Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ChIPS	Child in Need of Protective Services
ChINS	Child in Need of Services
CIC	Clean Intermittent Catheterization
CIL	Center for Independent Living (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)
CLE	Center for Law and Education
CM	Case Manager
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CMI	Chronically Mentally Ill
CO-OP	Cooperative (Special Education Cooperative)
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPR	Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation
CPRC	Community Parent Resource Center
CPS	Child Protective Services
CR	Compliance Review
CRC	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CSSA	Community Social Services Act
CST	Child Study Team
CTIC	Community Transition Interagency Committee

D

DAC	Developmental Achievement Center
D/APE	Developmental/Adapted Physical Education
DAS	Division of Assistance to States, U.S. Department of Education
D/B	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
DEC	Division of Early Childhood
DHH	Deaf and Hard of Hearing
DHHS	United States Department of Health and Human Services

DHS Department of Human Services
DLC Developmental Learning Center
DMH Division of Mental Health
DoDDS Department of Defense Dependent Schools
DOE Department of Education (United States or state)
DOL Department of Labor
DREDF Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
DRS Division of Rehabilitation Services
DS Down Syndrome
DSE Director of Special Education or Division of Special Education
DSI Dual Sensory Impairment
DVR Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

E

EA Educational Assistant
E/BD Emotional/Behavior Disorders
EC Early Childhood
ECE Early Childhood Education
ECFE Early Childhood Family Education
ECS Education Commission of the States
ECSE Early Childhood Special Education
ECSU Educational Cooperative Service Unit
ED Education Department
ED Emotionally Disturbed
EDGAR Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EE Extended Evaluation
EEG Electroencephalogram
EEOC Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EH Emotionally Handicapped
EI Early Intervention
EKG Electrocardiogram
EMH Educable Mentally Handicapped
EMR Educable Mentally Retarded
EPS Early and Periodic Screening
EPSDT Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program
ERIC Educational Resources Information Center
ESD Extended School Day
ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL English as a Second Language
ESY Extended School Year
EYS Extended Year Services

F

FAB Functional Analysis of Behavior
FAE Fetal Alcohol Effect
FAPE Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
FAPE Free and Appropriate Public Education
FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC Facilitated Communication
FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFCMH Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
FOIA Freedom of Information Act
FRC Federal Resource Center
FTE Full-Time Equivalent

G

GE	General Education
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GJTC	Governor's Job Training Council
GLARRC	Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center
GLD	General Learning Disability
GT	Gifted and Talented

H

HECB	Higher Education Coordinating Board
HF	House File
HHS	Health and Human Services
HI	Hearing Impairment

I

I & R	Information and Referral
IA	Instructional Assistant
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (formerly EHA)
IDELR	Individuals with Disabilities Law Reporter
IEE	Independent Education Evaluation
IEIC	Interagency Early Intervention Committee
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IHE	Institute of Higher Education
IHP	Individualized Habilitation Plan
IIP	Individual Interagency Intervention Plan
IL	Independent Living
ILC	Independent Living Center
IPE	Individual Plan of Employment
IPP	Individual Program Plan
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISD	Independent School District
ISP	Individual Service Plan
ITP	Individual Transition Plan
IVT	Individual Vocational Training
IWRP	Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan

J

JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act
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K

K-12	Kindergarten through Grade Twelve
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L

LCC	Local Coordinating Committee
LD	Learning Disability
LDA	Learning Disability Association of America
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LI	Low Incidence Handicapping Conditions

LIA	Local Interagency Agreement
LRA	Least Restrictive Alternative
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
LTSE/WA/WC	Long Term Sheltered Employment/Work Activity/Work Component
LVA	Low Vision Aid

M

MA	Medical Assistance
MA	Mental Age
MBD	Minimal Brain Dysfunction
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCR	Multi-Categorical Resource
MCSHN	Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MH	Mental Health
MH	Mentally Handicapped
MH	Multiple Handicap
MI	Mental Illness
MI/HI	Mentally Ill/Hearing Impaired (Persons)
MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MPH	Indicates a Master's Degree in Public Health
MR	Mental Retardation

N

NAD	National Association of the Deaf
NADDC	National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPAS	National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
NAPVI	National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
NARIC	National Rehabilitation Information Center
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NASMRPD	National Association of State Mental Retardation Program Directors
NASNSA	National Association of Special Needs State Administrators
NAVESNP	National Association of Vocational Education Special Needs Personnel
NCA	North Central Association (of Colleges and Schools)
NCD	National Council on Disability
NCIL	National Council on Independent Living
NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
NCPIE	National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education
NDSC	National Down Syndrome Congress
NDSS	National Down Syndrome Society
NDT	Neurodevelopmental Treatment
NEA	National Education Association
NET	National Environment Training (State Services for the Blind)
NFB	National Federation for the Blind
NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
NICWA	National Indian Child Welfare Association
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NMHA	National Mental Health Association
NOAH	National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation
NOPBC	National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

NORD National Organization for Rare Diseases
NPND National Parent Network on Disabilities
NPPSIS National Parent to Parent Support and Information System
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule Making

O

O & M Orientation and Mobility (State Services for the Blind)
OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR Office for Civil Rights
ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OE Open Enrollment
OFSS Office of Family and Social Services
OHI Other Health Impaired
OI Orthopedic Impairment
OJT On-the-Job Training
OMB Office of Management and Budget
OSEP Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (Federal)
OT Occupational Therapy

P

P & A Protection and Advocacy
PAC Parent Advisory Council
PAC Placement Advisory Committee
PACER Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
PASS Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PASS Program Analysis of Service Systems
PBS Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA Personal Care Assistance
PCMR President's Committee on Mental Retardation
PCP Person Centered Planning
PD Physical Disability
PDD Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PER Planning, Evaluation and Reporting
PH Physically Handicapped
PI Physically Impaired
PIC Private Industry Council (of Job Training Partnership Act)
PIRC Parent Information and Resource Center
P.L. Public Law
PLEP Present Level of Educational Performance
PMR Profoundly Mentally Retarded (Person)
POHI Physically and Other Health Impaired (Persons)
PP Paraprofessional
PSS Preschool Screening Program
PT Physical Therapy
PTA Parent Teacher Association
PTI Parent Training and Information Center
PTO Parent Teacher Organization
PTSA Parents, Teachers, Students Association
PVE Pre-Vocational Education
PWI Projects with Industry
PY Planning Year

R

R & T	Research and Training Centers
RFP	Request for Proposal
ROM	Range of Motion
RP	Retinitis Pigmentosa
RRC	Regional Resource Center
RSA	Rehabilitative Services Agency
RSC	Regional Service Center (for Hearing Impaired Persons)
RSS	Regional Services Specialist (Developmental Disabilities Division)
RTB	Radio Talking Book Network (State Services for the Blind)

S

SAT	Standardized Achievement Test
SB	Spina Bifida
SBAA	Spina Bifida Association of America
SBVTE	State Board for Vocational-Technical Education
SE	Special Education
SEA	State Education Agency
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SF	Senate File
SI	Sensory Integration
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
SIG	State Improvement Grant
SIL	Semi-Independent Living (Facility)
SILS	Semi-Independent Living Services
SLA	Supported Living Arrangements
SLF	Supervised Living Facility
SMH	Severe Mental Handicap
SMHRCY	State Mental Health Representatives for Children and Youth
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOP/SSP	State Operated Program/State Supported Program
SPA	State Planning Agency
SPOA	Specific Power of Attorney
SS	Social Services
SSB	State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
SST	Student Study Team
SST	Student Support Team
STIC	State Transition Interagency Committee
SVE	Secondary Vocational Education

T

TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TEFRA	Tax Equalization Fiscal Responsibility Act
TMR	Trainable Mentally Retarded (Persons)
TS	Tourette Syndrome
TSA	Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
TSES	Total Special Education System
TTY	Teletypewriter
TWWIIA	Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

U

UAF	University Affiliated Facility (under Developmental Disabilities Act)
UAP	University Affiliated Program
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy Associations
UFARS	Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System
USC	United States Code
USOE	United States Office of Education

V

VA	Visual Acuity
VA	Vulnerable Adult
VE	Vocational Education
VH	Visually Handicapped (Persons)
VI	Visual Impairment
Voc Ed	Vocational Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VSA	Very Special Arts
VTI	Vocational Technical Institute

W

WA	Work Activity
WAC	Work Activity Center
WAT	Work Adjustment Training
WC	Workforce Center
WE	Work Evaluation
WECEP	Work-Experience Career Exploration Program
WED	Work-Experience Disadvantaged Program
WEH	Work-Experience Handicapped Program
WEP	Work Experience Program
WIC	Program for Women, Infants and Children (Nutrition, Education and Food)
WIN	Work Incentive Program
WISC	Intelligence Scale for Children
WRAT	Wide Range Achievement Test
WS	Waivered Services

XYZ

YES	Youth Employment Services
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