

THE ABC'S OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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A

AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA - Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABC - Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD - Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs - Activities of Daily Living (Skills)
ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution
APE - Adaptive Physical Education
APR - Annual Performance Report
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL - American Sign Language
AT - Assistive Technology
AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress

B

BD - Behavioral Disorder
BIP - Behavioral Intervention Plan
BOE - Board of Education
BCBA - Board Certified Behavior Analyst

C

CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CBA - Curriculum Based Assessment
CC - Closed Captioning
CCSS - Common Core State Standards
CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEC - Council for Exceptional Children
CI - Communication Impaired
CST - Child Study Team

D

DB - Deaf-Blind
DD - Developmental Delay
DIBELS - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy
DOE - Department of Education
DRA - Developmental Reading Assessment
DS - Down Syndrome
DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association

- E -

ECE - Early Childhood Education
ED - Emotional Disturbance
EI - Early Intervention
ELL - English Language Learner
ESL - English as a Second Language
ESY or EYS - Extended School Year or Extended Year Services

- F -

FAPE - Free and Appropriate Public Education
FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC - Facilitated Communication
FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- G/H -

GAD - Generalized Anxiety Disorder
GE - General Education
GT - Gifted and Talented
HI - Hearing Impaired
HoH - Hard of Hearing
HOUSSE - High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation

- I -

IA - Instructional Assistant
ID - Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE - Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP - Individualized Education Program/Plan
I&RS - Intervention & Referral Services
ISP - Individualized Service Program/Plan

- L/M -

LD - Learning Disability
LEA - Local Education Agency
LEP - Limited English Proficiency
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
MD or MH - Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped

- O -

OAL - Office of Administrative Law
OCD - Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR - Office for Civil Rights
ODD - Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI - Other Health Impairment
OI - Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education
OT - Occupational Therapy

- P/R -

PARCC - Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PBS - Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA - Personal Care Attendant
PDD - Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PLAAFP - Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PT - Physical Therapy
RTI - Response to Intervention

- S -

§ - This symbol means "Section" as in "§ 300.7 Child with a disability" in the IDEA regulations
SAS - Supplementary Aids and Services
SE - Special Education
SEA - State Education Agency
SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee
Section 504 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SI - Sensory Integration
SLI - Speech/Language Impairment
SLP - Speech/Language Pathologist
SPD - Sensory Processing Disorder
SPP - State Performance Plan
SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
SSI - Supplemental Security Income

- T/V -

TA - Teaching Assistant
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TTY - Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
VI - Visual Impairment
Voc Ed - Vocational Education
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation

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