

The Arc Guide to Acronyms in Special Education

504 Plan: A legal document that specifies services & modifications for a student with a disability

ABC: Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence

ABS: Adaptive Behavior Scales

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD/ADHD: Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADL: Activities of Daily Living

ADR: Alternative Dispute Resolution

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASL: American Sign Language

AT: Assistive Technology

BIP: Behavior Intervention Plan

BSP: Behavior Support Plan

CP: Cerebral Palsy

DAPE: Developmental Adapted Physical Education

DCD: Developmental Cognitive Disability

DCD/M-M: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Mild-Moderate

DCD/S-P: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Severe-Profound

DD: Developmentally Delayed/Disabled

D/HH: Deaf/Hard of Hearing

DME: Durable Medical Equipment

EA: Educational Assistant

EBD: Emotional/Behavioral Disability/Disorder

ECFE: Early Childhood Family Education

ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education

ESL: English as a Second Language

ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act

ESY: Extended School Year

FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education

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FASD/FAS/FAE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

HI: Hearing Impaired/Impairment

IDEIA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (2004 Revision of IDEA)

IEE: Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP: Individualized Education Program

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan (Early Childhood)

IHP: Individual Health Plan

IQ: Intelligence Quotient

ISD: Independent School District

ISP: Individual Service Plan

ISS: In School Suspension

LD: Learning Disability

LEA: Local Education Agency

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

MDE: Minnesota Department of Education

MH: Mental Health

MI: Mental Illness

OCD: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder

ODE: United States Department of Education

OHD: Other Health Disabilities

OSEP: United States Office of Special Education Programs

OT: Occupational Therapy/Therapist

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Part C: Special Education, Students Birth - 2

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

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PDD-NOS: Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified
PH: Physically Handicapped
PI: Physically Impaired
PT: Physical Therapy/Therapist
PWN: Prior Written Notice
RDA: Results-Drive Accountability
ROM: Range of Motion
RTI/RtI: Response to Intervention
SD: Standard Deviation
SEA: State Education Agency
SEAC: Special Education Advisory Committee
SEAP: Special Education Advisory Panel
SED: Severe Emotional Disturbance
SEM: Standard Error of Measurement
SI: Sensory Integration
SIB: Self-Injurious Behavior
SIB: Scales of independent behavior
SLD: Specific Learning Disability
SL: Speech/Language
SMI: Severely Multiply Impaired
SPED: Special Education
SW: Social Worker
TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury
VI: Visual Impairment
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation

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