

List of Acronyms

An acronym is a word that is formed from the first letters of multiple words. The use of acronyms is common in many fields, including special education. Acronyms change often and families should feel comfortable asking for explanation of terms they are not familiar with.

504 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

AAR – Academic Achievement Record

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

AEIS- Academic Excellence Indicator System

AEP – Alternative Education Program

AI – Auditory Impairment

ARD – Admission, Review, and Dismissal

AT – Assistive Technology

AU – Autism

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan

CATE – Career and Technology Education

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

CF – Child Find

COMS – Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

DARS – Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services

DB – Deaf-Blind

DPH – Due Process Hearing

EI – Early Childhood Intervention

ED – Emotional Disturbance

EIS – Early Intervening Services

ELL – English Language Learner

ESC – Education Service Center

ESY – Extended School Year Services

FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA – Functional Behavioral Assessment

FERPA – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

FIE – Full and Individual Evaluation

FVA – Functional Vision Assessment

GED – General Educational Development Certificate

GC – General Curriculum

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004

IDEA-B – IDEA program for children with disabilities 3-21

IDEA-C – IDEA program for children with disabilities 0-2

IEE – Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP – Individualized Education Program

IFSP – Individual Family Service Plan

IN – Intellectual Disability

LD – Learning Disability

LEA – Local Education Agency

LEP – Limited English Proficient

LMA – Learning Media Assessment

LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

MD – Multiple Disabilities

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

OHI – Other Health Impairment

OI – Orthopedic Impairment

O&M – Orientation & Mobility

OSEP- Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education

OSERS – Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services

PACER – Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

PBM – Performance-Based Monitoring

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support

PEIMS – Public Education Information Management System

PPCD – Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities

PTI – Parent Training and Information Center

REED – Review of Existing Evaluation Data

RTI – Response-to-Intervention

RPTE – Reading Proficiency Tests in English

SBEC – State Board for Educator Certification

SBOE – State Board of Education

SDAA – State-Developed Alternative Assessment

SHARS – Student Health & Related Services

SI – Speech or Language Impairment

SSA – Shared Services Arrangement

TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury

TSBVI – Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

TVI – Teacher of the Visually Impaired or Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments

USDE – United States Department of Education

VI – Visual impairment