

## Special Education Alphabet Soup

**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

**ASD** | Autism Spectrum Disorders

**ASL** | American Sign Language

**AT** | Assistive Technology

**BIP** | Behavioral Intervention Plan

**CBA** | Curriculum Based Assessment

**CEC** | Council for Exceptional Children

**DD** | Developmental Delay

**DSM** | *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*

**ECE** | Early Childhood Education

**ECSE** | Early Childhood Special Education

**ELL** | English Language Learner

**ESSA** | Every Student Succeeds Act

**ESY** | Extended School Year

**FAPE** | Free Appropriate Public Education

**FAS** | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

**FBA** | Functional Behavioral Assessment

**FERPA** | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**GT** | Gifted and Talented

**ID** | Intellectual Disabilities

**IDEA** | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**IEE** | Individualized Educational Evaluation

**IEP** | Individualized Education Program

**IFSP** | Individualized Family Service Plan

**ITP** | Individualized Transition Plan

**LD** | Learning Disability

**LEA** | Local Education Agency  
**LRE** | Least Restrictive Environment  
**MDR** | Manifestation Determination Review  
**MTSS** | Multi-Tiered System of Supports  
**OCD** | Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder  
**OCR** | Office for Civil Rights  
**ODD** | Oppositional Defiant Disorder  
**OHI** | Other Health Impairment  
**OI** | Orthopedic Impairment  
**O & M** | Orientation and Mobility Services  
**OSEP** | Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S.  
Department of Education  
**OT** | Occupational Therapy  
**PBS** | Positive Behavioral Supports  
**PDD** | Pervasive Developmental Disorder  
**PLEFP** | Present Level of Educational & Functional Performance  
**PT** | Physical Therapy  
**RTI** | Response to Intervention  
**SE** | Special Education  
**SEA** | State Education Agency  
**SEAC** | Special Education Advisory Council  
**Section 504** | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act  
**SED** | Serious Emotional Disturbance  
**SLD** | Specific Learning Disability  
**SLI** | Speech/Language Impairment  
**SLP** | Speech/Language Pathologist  
**SSDI** | Social Security Disability Income  
**SSI** | Supplemental Security Income  
**TBI** | Traumatic Brain Injury  
**TDD** | Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf  
**VI** | Visual Impairment  
**Voc Ed** | Vocational Education  
**VR** | Vocational Rehabilitation