



Common Abbreviations in Special Education

ABA:	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA:	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADLs:	Activities of Daily Living
AE:	Age Equivalent
APE:	Adapted Physical Education
AT:	Assistive Technology
AYP:	Adequate Yearly Progress
BCBA:	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BD:	Behavior Disorder
BIP:	Behavior Intervention Plan
BSP:	Behavior Support Program
C.F.R.:	Code of Federal Regulations
CBI:	Community Based Instruction
DD:	Developmental Delay/Developmental Disabilities
DPH:	Due Process Hearing
EBP:	Evidence-Based Practices
ECE:	Early Childhood Education
ED:	Emotional Disturbance
EFD:	Executive Function Disorder
EI:	Early Intervention
ER:	Evaluation Report
ESY:	Extended School Year
FAPE:	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FBA:	Functional Behavior Assessment/Analysis

FERPA:	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
GE:	Grade Equivalent
HO:	Hearing Officer
ID:	Intellectual Disability
IDEA:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE:	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP:	Individualized Education Plan/Program
IFSP:	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHO:	Impartial Hearing Officer
IQ:	Intelligence Quotient
ITP:	Individual Transition Plan
LEA:	Local Educational Agency
LRE:	Least Restrictive Environment
LSS:	Life Skills Support
MDE:	Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation
MDR:	Manifestation of Disability Review
MDS:	Multiple Disabilities Support
MOU:	Memorandum of Understanding
MTSS:	Multi-tiered Systems of Support
NORA:	Notice of Recommended Assignment
NOREP:	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
OCR:	Office of Civil Rights
OHI:	Other Health Impairment
OSEP:	Office of Special Education Programs
OSER:	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OT:	Occupational Therapy
PALS:	Peer-Assisted Learning System
PBIB:	Positive Behavior Intervention Plan
PBIS:	Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports
PLEP:	Present Level of Educational Performance

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PT:	Physical Therapy
PWN:	Prior Written Notice
RR:	Reevaluation Report
RTI:	Response to Intervention
SDI:	Specially Designed Instruction
SEA:	State Education Agency
SLD:	Specific Learning Disability
SLP:	Speech and Language Pathology