

Commonly Used Acronyms in Special Education

ACCES	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities for Daily Living
AEM	Alternate Educational Materials
AIS	Academic Intervention Services
AMO	(Effective) Annual Measurable Objective
APR	Annual Performance Report (State report on SPP performance)
AT	Assistive Technology
AU	Autism
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
BEDS	Basic Educational Data System
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services
BOE	Board of Education
CDOS	Career Development and Occupational Studies Learning Standards
CEIS	Comprehensive Early Intervening Services
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education
CSE	Committee on Special Education
CSEIS	Comprehensive Special Education Information System
CT	Consultant Teacher
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DB	Deaf-Blindness
DF	Deafness
DOH	Department of Health
ECDC	Early Childhood Direction Center
ED	Emotional Disability
EI	Early Intervention (Program)
EIO	Early Intervention Official
ELA	English Language Arts
ELL	English Language Learner
ENL	English as a New Language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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HI	Hearing Impairment
HOH	Hard of Hearing (sometimes written as HH)
HSE	High School Equivalency Diploma
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (December 2004)
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IESP	Individualized Education Services Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IHO	Impartial Hearing Officer
ILC	Independent Living Center
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LOTE	Language Other Than English
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MAPS	Management, Academic, Physical, Social (4 required areas in PLPs)
MD	Multiple Disabilities
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act, 2002
NYSAA	New York State Alternate Assessment
NYSED	New York State Education Department
OASAS	Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services
OCFS	Office of Children and Family Services
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OPWDD	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
OT	Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy
PD	Pupils with Disabilities (PD) data
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder -not otherwise specified
PINS	Person In Need of Supervision
PST	Pupil Services Team
PT	Physical Therapist/Physical Therapy
PTA	Physical Therapy Assistant
P.L.94-142	The Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975
PLP	Present Level of Performance (also PLEP or PLOP)
Pre-K	Pre-Kindergarten
PWD	Preschool Student with a Disability

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RA	Regional Associate (see SEQA)
RCT	Regents Competency Test
RR	Resource Room
RT	Recreational Therapist
RTI	Response to Intervention
RTF	Residential Treatment Facility
RS	Related Service
RSE-TASC	Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center
SCANS	Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills for Employment
SEA	State Educational Agency
SED	State Education Department
SEIS	Special Education Itinerant Services
SEIT	Special Education Itinerant Teacher
SEQA	Special Education Quality Assurance Unit, SED
SI	Speech/Language Impairment
SIRS	Student Information Repository System
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SP	Services Plan
SPC	Special Class
SPP	State Performance Plan
SRO	State Review Officer
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TRE	Technology Resources for Education
UPK	Universal Pre-Kindergarten
USDOE	United States Department of Education
VI	Visual Impairment
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
504	Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, Section 504)