



Common Acronyms

Be on the lookout for these common acronyms around disabilities. Always be mindful when you are creating documentation that you spell out terms in their first usage in every document. Don't assume the reader has easy access to a resource like this one.

504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AIM	Accessible Instructional Materials
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CBA	Curriculum Based Assessment
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DS	Down Syndrome
DSM	<i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</i> by the American Psychiatric Association
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EI	Early Intervention
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act



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ESY or EYS	Extended School Year or Extended Year Services
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC	Facilitated Communication
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
HI	Hearing Impaired
HoH	Hard of Hearing
ID	Intellectual Disabilities
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MD or MH	Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OT	Occupational Therapy
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports



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PD	Physical Disability
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PLEP or PLP	Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
PP	Paraprofessional
PT	Physical Therapy
RS	Related Services
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAS	Supplementary Aids and Services
SE	Special Education
SEA	State Education Agency
SI	Sensory Integration
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TS	Tourette Syndrome
VI	Visual Impairment