

Special Education Acronyms

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| 504 | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 |
| AAC | Alternative Augmentative Communication |
| ABA | Applied Behavior Analysis |
| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act |
| ADA | Average Daily Attendance |
| ADHD | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder |
| ADR | Alternative Dispute Resolution |
| ALJ | Administrative Law Judge |
| APE | Adapted Physical Education |
| ASD | Autism Spectrum Disorder |
| ASL | American Sign Language |
| AT | Assistive Technology |
| BCBA | Board Certified Behavior Analyst |
| BIP | Behavioral Intervention Plan |
| CAASPP | CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (formally STAR) |
| CAC | Community Advisory Committee |
| CAHSEE | CA High School Exit Examination |
| CART | Communication Access Realtime Translation |
| CCR | CA Code of Regulations |
| CCS | CA Children's Services |
| CCSS | Common Core State Standards |
| CDE | CA Department of Education |
| CDS | Community Day School |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CMH | County Mental Health |
| DHH | Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| DIS | Designated Instruction and Services (now Related Services) |
| DMH | Department of Mental Health |

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| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| DSM-5 | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5 th Ed) |
| ED | Emotional Disturbance |
| EHA | Education for All Handicapped Children Act (predecessor to IDEA) |
| EL | English Learner |
| ESL | English as a Second Language |
| ESY | Extended School Year |
| FAPE | Free Appropriate Public Education |
| FBA | Functional Behavioral Assessment |
| FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act |
| HHI | Home/Hospital Instruction |
| HI | Health Impairment |
| IA | Instructional Aide |
| IAES | Interim Alternative Education Setting |
| ID | Intellectual Disability |
| IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Act |
| IEE | Independent Education Evaluation |
| IEP | Individualized Education Program |
| IFSP | Individualized Family Services Plan |
| IS | Independent Study |
| ISA | Individual Services Agreement |
| ISP | Individualized Service Plan |
| ITP | Individualized Transition Plan |
| LCI | Licensed Children's Institution |
| LEA | Local Education Agency |
| LEP | Limited English Proficient |
| LRE | Least Restrictive Environment |
| MD | Manifestation Determination |

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| NCLB | No Child Left Behind (Act) |
| NPA | Nonpublic Agency |
| NPS | Nonpublic School |
| O & M | Orientation and Mobility |
| OAHA | Office of Administrative Hearings |
| OCD | Obsessive Compulsive Disorder |
| OCR | Office of Civil Rights |
| ODD | Oppositional Defiant Disorder |
| OHI | Other Health Impairment |
| OI | Orthopedic Impairment |
| OSEP | Office of Special Education Programs |
| OSERS | Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services |
| OT | Occupational Therapy |
| PDD | Pervasive Developmental Disorder |
| PBIS | Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports |
| PRT | Pivotal Response Therapy |
| PWN | Prior Written Notice |
| RSP | Resource Specialist Program |
| RTI | Response to Intervention |
| SAI | Specialized Academic Instruction |
| SBAC | Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium |
| SBE | State Board of Education |
| SCIA | Special Circumstance Instructional Assistant |
| SEA | State Education Agency |
| SELPA | Special Education Local Plan Area |
| SLD | Specific Learning Disability |
| SLI | Speech of Language Impairment |
| SST | Student Study Team |
| STAR | Standardized Testing and Reporting (replaced by CAASPP) |
| SWD | Students with Disabilities |
| TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury |

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| TEACCH | Treatment & Education of Autistic & Related Communication Handicapped Children |
| USC | United States Code |
| USDOE | United States Department of Education |
| VI | Visual Impairment |