

Common Acronyms in Early Intervention and Special Education

ACRONYM	STANDS FOR
Federal Law	
616	IDEA Part C Section 616: Monitoring, Technical Assistance, and Enforcement
618	IDEA Part C Section 618: Program Information
619	IDEA Part B Section 619: Special Education Preschool Grants
A Acronyms	
AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABC	Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ACF	Administration for Children and Families
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AIM	Accessible Instructional Materials
AMCHP	Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
APR	Annual Performance Report
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
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AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
B Acronyms	
BD	Behavior Disorder
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BOE	Board of Education
C Acronyms	
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CATCH	Community Access to Child Health
CBA	Curriculum-Based Assessment
CC	Closed Captioning
CCSS	Common Core State Standards
CDA	Child Development Associate
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDR	Center for Disability Resources

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ACRONYM	STANDS FOR
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CIFMS	Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring Program
CIPR	Center for Parent Information and Resources
COP	Community of Practice
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPRC	Community Parent Resource Center
CRT	IDEA/Part C Central Referral Team
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CST	Child Study Team
D Acronyms	
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy
DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependent Schools
DOE	Department of Education
DS	Down Syndrome
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (American Psychiatric Association)
E Acronyms	
EBP	Evidence-Based Practice
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ECTA	Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
ED	Emotional Disability
ED	US Department of Education
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)
EDHI	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EI	Early Intervention
EIBI	Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (the service associated with discipline of behavior modification)
EIS	Early Intervention Services; Early Intervention Service Agency or Program
ELL	English Language Learner
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, & Treatment
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center
ESD	Extended School Day
ESL	English as a Second Language

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ACRONYM	STANDS FOR
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY	Extended School Year or Extended School Year Services
F Acronyms	
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FC	Facilitated Communication
FEOG	Full Educational Opportunity Goal
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
G - H Acronyms	
GE	General Education
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GT	Gifted and Talented
HI	Hearing Impairment
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HO	Hearing Officer
HOH	Hard of Hearing
HOUSSE	High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation
HS	Head Start
I Acronyms	
ID	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IGDI	Individual Growth and Development Indicator
ITCA	Infants & Toddlers Coordinators Association
L-N Acronyms	
LA	Lead Agency
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency, also known as school district
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MD or MH	Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NIMH	National Institutes of Mental Health
NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders

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ACRONYM	STANDS FOR
NPRM	National Proposed Rule Making
O Acronyms	
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional-Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
O & M	Orientation and Mobility
OSEP	US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
OT	Occupational Therapy
P and R Acronyms	
P & A	Protection & Advocacy
PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
Part B	IDEA Ages 3 to 21
Part C	IDEA Ages Birth through 2; The section of IDEA statute and regulations that govern states' early intervention systems
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PD	Physical Disability
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
PEI	Spanish Acronym for the Individualized Education Plan (Plan Educativo Individualizado)
Perkins Act	Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act
PHI	Protected Health Information (HIPAA)
PII	Personally-Identifiable Information (FERPA)
PLEP or PLP	Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
PL	Public Law (federal)
PP	Paraprofessional
PS	Preschool
PSA	Participating State Agency
PT	Physical Therapy
PTAC	Parent Technical Assistance Center
PTI	Parent Training & Information Center
RBI©	Routines-Based Interview©
RDA	Results-Driven Accountability
RFP	Request for Proposals
RS	Related Services
RTI	Response to Intervention
S Acronyms	
§	This symbol means 'Section' in the federal laws and regulations
SAS	Supplementary Aids and Services

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ACRONYM	STANDS FOR
SB	Spina Bifida
SCDHHS	South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
SCDOE	South Carolina Department of Education
SCDSS	South Carolina Department of Social Services
SCSDB	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind
SE	Special Education
SEA	State Education Agency
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI	Sensory Integration
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council
SIG	State Improvement Grant
SIMR	State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
SPOA	Specific Power of Attorney
SPOE	System Point of Entry
SPP	State Performance Plan
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSIP	State Systemic Improvement Plan
SST	Student Study Team
T - Z Acronyms	
TA & D	Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TS	Tourette Syndrome
T&TA	Training and Technical Assistance
TTY	Teletypewriter system for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
VI	Visual Impairment
VocEd	Vocational Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC	Women, Infants, & Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)
WWC	What Works Clearinghouse