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Ultimate List of Acronyms

AAC Augmentative and Alternative Communication

ABA Applied Behavioral Therapy

ABC Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADLs Activities of Daily Living

ADOS Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale

AIM Accessible Instructional Materials

APD Auditory Processing Disorder

APE Adaptive Physical Education

ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder

AS Asperger's Syndrome

ASL American Sign Language

ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder

AS Asperger's Syndrome

ASL American Sign Language

AT Assistive Technology

BCBA Board Certified Behavior Analysis

BD Behavior Disorder

BIP Behavior Intervention Plan

B/VI Blind/Visually Impaired

CAP Corrective Action Plan

CAPD Central Auditory Processing Disorder

CARS Childhood Autism Rating Scale

CBA Curriculum Based Assessment

CBI Community Based Instruction

CCC Certificate of Clinical Competence

CCSS Common Core State Standards

CD Communication Disorder

CF Cystic Fibrosis

CHIP Children's Health Insurance Program

CP Cerebral Palsy

CST Child Study Team

DAS Developmental Apraxia of Speech

DB Deaf-Blind

DD Developmental Delay

DIBELS Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy

DS Down Syndrome

DSM Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

DX Diagnostic, Diagnosed

ECI Early Childhood Intervention

ED Emotionally Disabled

EDGAR Education Department General Administrative Regulations

EHDI Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

EI Early Intervention

EIS Early Intervening Services

ESD Extended School Day

ESEA Elementary and Secondary School Act

ESY Extended School Year

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment

FC Facilitated Communication

FEOG Full Educational Opportunity Goal

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FOIA Freedom of Information Act

GARS Gilliam Autism Rating Scale

GE General Education

GPRA Government Performance and Results Act

HFA High Functioning Autism

HI Hearing Impaired

HO Hearing Officer

HoH Hard of Hearing

HOUSSE High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation

IA Instructional Assistant

IAES Interim Alternative Educational Setting

ID Intellectual Disabilities

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEE Individualized Educational Evaluation

IEP Individualized Education Plan

IES Institute of Education Services

IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan

IHE Institution of Higher Learning

IQ Intelligence Quotient

ITP Individualized Transition Plan

LD Learning Disability

LEA Local Education Agency

LEP Limited English Proficiency

M-Chat: Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

MD Muscular Dystrophy

MD or MH Multiple Disabilities or Multiple Handicapped

MDR Manifestation Determination Review

MDT Multidisciplinary Team

NASDSE National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NCLB No Child Left Behind Act

NIH National Institutes of Health

NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule Making

NT Neurotypical

OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

OCR Office for Civil Rights

ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OHI Other Health Impaired

OI Orthopedic Impairment

OSEP U.S. Office of Special Education Programs/DOE

OT Occupational therapy/therapist

PASS Plan for Achieving Self-Support
OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

PALS Peer-Assisted Learning System

PBS Positive Behavior Supports

PCA Personal Care Attendant

PD Physical Disability

PDD-NOS Persuasive Development Disorder Not Otherwise Specified

PECS Picture Exchange Communication System

PP Paraprofessional

PLEP/PLOP Present Levels of Educational Performance/Present Levels of Performance

PS Preschool

PT Physical Therapy or Therapist

PTAC Parent Technical Assistance Center

PWN Prior Written Notice

RDA Results-Driven Accountability

RFP Requests for Proposals

RS Related Services

RTI Response to Intervention

SB Spina Bifida

SEA State Education Agency

Section 504 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

SED Serious Emotional Disturbance

SI Sensory Integration

SLD Specific Learning Disability

SLI Speech/Language Impairment

SLP Speech-Language Pathologist

SPD Sensory Processing Disorder

LLSPED Special Education

SSI Supplemental Security Income

ST Speech therapy/therapist

TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

TDD Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

TMH Trainable Mentally Handicapped

T-TA Training and Technical Assistance

TS Tourette Syndrome

VI Visual Impairment

Voc Ed Vocational Education

VR Vocational Rehabilitation

WIC Woman, Infants, and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)

WWC What Works Clearinghouse

Helpful Websites to Bookmark

Applied Behavioral Therapy

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/therapytypes/applied-behavior-analysis>

Americans with Disabilities Act

<https://www.eeoc.gov/facts/ada18.html>

Children's Health Insurance Program

<https://www.medicaid.gov/chip/index.html>

Free Appropriate Public Education

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/fape.index.htm>

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/brochures/parents.html>

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/your-childs-rights/basics-about-childs-rights/individuals-with-disabilities-education-act-idea-what-you-need-to-know>

Individualized Education Plan

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/iep.bollero.hearts.htm>

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/sec504.index.htm>

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/613>