

Education ABCs

Decoding Education Acronyms

for Parents



**A Resource Guide from the
National Parents Union**

- **AAC** Augmentative/Alternative Communication
- **ABA** Applied Behavior Analysis
- **ABC** Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
- **ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
- **ADHD** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- **ADLs** Activities of Daily Learning
- **ADR** Alternative Dispute Resolution
- **AIM** Accessible Instructional Materials
- **ALD** Assistive Listening Device
- **APE** Adaptive Physical Education
- **APR** Annual Performance Report
- **APS** Approved Private School
- **ARD** Admission, Review and Dismissal
- **ARRA** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- **ARP** American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- **ASD** Autism Spectrum Disorder
- **ASL** American Sign Language
- **AT** Assistive Technology
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- **AVTS** Area Vocational Technology School
- **AYP** Adequate Yearly Progress
- **BD** Behavioral Disorder
- **BEC** Basic Education Circular
- **BIE** Bureau of Indian Education
- **BIP** Behavioral Intervention Plan
- **BOE** Board of Education

- **BSE** Bureau of Special Education
- **CAO** Chief Administrative Officer
- **CAP** Corrective Action Plan
- **CAPD** Central Auditory Processing Disorder
- **CAPTA** Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- **CART** Computer Aided Realtime Translation
- **CASSP** Child & Adolescent Service System Program
- **CAVP** Corrective Action Verification Plan
- **CBA** Curriculum-Based Assessment
- **CC** Closed Captioning
- **CDT** Classroom Diagnostic Tools
- **CEC** Center for Exceptional Children
- **CERC** Corrections Education Records Center
- **CFR** Code of Federal Regulations
- **CHIP** Children's Health Insurance Program
- **CIFMS** Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System
- **COP** Community of Practice
- **CPIR** Center for Parent Information and Resources
- **CPRC** Community Parent Resource Center
- **CSHCN** Children with Special Health Care Needs
- **CSPD** Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
- **CST** Child Study Team
- **CTC** Career and Technical Education Center
- **CTE** Career and Technical Education
- **DD** Development Delay

- **DD Act** Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
- **DIBELS** Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
- **DoDDS** Department of Defense Dependent Schools
- **DPW** Department of Public Welfare
- **ECE** Early Childhood Education
- **ECSE** Early Childhood Special Education
- **EBR** Educational Benefit Review
- **ED** Emotional Disturbance
- **ED** Education Department
- **EDGAR** Education Department General Administrative Regulations
- **EHA** Education of Handicapped Act (Now IDEA)
- **EHDI** Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
- **EI** Early Intervention
- **EIPA** Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment
- **EIS** Early Intervention Services
- **EITA** Early Intervention Technical Assistance
- **ELL** English Language Learners
- **EPSDT** Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
- **ER** Evaluation Report
- **ESEA** Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- **ESL** English as a Second Language
- **ESSA** Every Student Succeeds Act

- **ESSER** Elementary and Secondary School
Emergency Relief (Fund)
- **ESY** Extended School Year
- **FAPE** Free Appropriate Public Education
- **FBA** Functional Behavioral Assessment
- **FEOG** Full Educational Opportunity Goal
- **FERPA** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- **GE** General Education
- **GEER** Governor's Emergency Education Relief
(Fund)
- **GPRA** Government Performance and Results Act
- **GT** Gifted and Talented
- **HI** Hearing Impaired
- **HO** Hearing Officer
- **HoH** Hard of Hearing
- **IA** Instructional Assistant
- **IAES** Interim Alternative Educational Setting
- **ICC** Interagency Coordinating Council
- **ID** Intellectual Disabilities
- **IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IEE** Independent Educational Evaluation
- **IEP** Individual Education Program
- **IFSP** Individualized Family Service Plan
- **ITP** Individualized Transition Plan
- **IU** Intermediate Unit
- **LD** Learning Disability
- **LEA** Local Educational Agency
- **LEP** Limited English Proficiency
- **LICC** Local Interagency Coordinating Council

- **LRE** Least Restrictive Environment
- **LTCC** Local Transition Coordinating Council
- **LTF** Local Task Force
- **MA** Medical Assistance
- **MDR** Manifestation Determination Review
- **MOU** Memorandum of Understanding
- **MTSS** Multi-tiered Systems of Support
- **NASDSE** National Association of State Directors of Special Education
- **NCLB** No Child Left Behind
- **NCSC** National Center and State Collaborative
- **NIMH** National Institute of MEntal Health
- **NISL** National Institute of School Leadership
- **NPRM** Notice of Proposed Rule Making
- **NOREP** Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
- **NPU** The National Parents Union
- **O&M** Orientation and Mobility
- **OCD** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- **OCDEL** Office of Child Development and Early Learning
- **OCR** Office of Civil Rights
- **ODD** Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- **ODHH** Office for the Deaf and HArd of Hearing
- **ODR** Office for the Dispute Resolution
- **OHI** Other Health Impairment
- **OI** Orthopedic Impairment
- **OSEP** Office of Special Education Programs

- **OSERS** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
- **OT** Occupational Therapy
- **OVR** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **PARCC** Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- **PASS** PLan for Achieving Self-Support
- **PBIS** Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
- **PBSP** Positive Behavior Support Plan
- **PCA** Personal CAre Assistant
- **PD** Physical Disability
- **PDD** Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- **PP** Paraprofessional
- **PT** Physical Therapy
- **PTAC** Parent Technical Assistance Center
- **PTI** Parent Training and Information Center
- **PWN** Prior Written Notice
- **RR** Reevaluation Report
- **RTI** Response to Intervention
- **RTTT** Race to the Top Fund
- **RTII** Response to Instruction and Intervention
- **SAS** Standards Aligned System
- **SaS** Supplementary Aids and Services
- **SBBH** School Based Behavioral Health
- **SCHIP** State Children's Health Insurance Program
- **SDI** Specially Designed Instruction
- **SE** Special Education
- **SEA** State Educational Agency
- **SEAP** Special Education Advisory Pane

- **Section 504** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- **SICC** State Interagency Coordinating Council
- **SIG** State Improvement Grant
- **SIMR** State-Identifies Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities
- **SIP** State Implementation Plan
- **SLD** Specific Learning Disability
- **SLI** Speech/Language Impairment
- **SLP** Speech/Language Pathologist
- **SSDI** Social Security Disability
- **SST** Student Study Team
- **STF** State Task Force
- **STL** Short-Term Loan
- **SWPBIS** Schoolwide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports
- **TBI** Traumatic Brain Injury
- **TIMS** Teacher Information Management System
- **TSS** Therapeutic Staff Support
- **T-TA** Training and Technical Assistance
- **TVI** Teacher of Visually Impaired
- **TWWIIA** Ticket to Work Incentives Improvement Act
- **UDL** Universal Design for Learning
- **VI** Visual Impairment
- **Voc Ed** Vocational Education
- **VR** Vocational Education
- **WIC** Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)