



## **Special Education Acronyms**

AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AEP	Alternative Education Program
AI	Auditory Impairment
APE	Adapted Physical Education
ARD	Admission, Review & Dismissal
AU	Autism
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
AYE	Adequate Yearly Progress
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CBI	Community Based Instruction
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CP	Cerebral Palsy
DB	Deaf Blind
DD	Developmental Delay
DOE	U.S. Department of Education
DS	Down Syndrome
DNQ	Does Not Qualify
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention

ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EOC	End of Course (Exam)
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year
504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
FAPE	Free & Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FIE	Full Individual Evaluation
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
GE	General Education
GT	Gifted & Talented
HO	Hearing Officer
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Support
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
O & M	Orientation & Mobility
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OT	Occupational Therapy
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PPCD	Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities
PT	Physical Therapy
PTI	Parent Training Information Center
PWN	Prior Written Notice
RDSPD	Regional Day School Program for the Deaf
RS	Related Services
RTI	Response to Intervention
SD	Spina Bifida
SEA	State Education Agency
SDC	Special Day Class
SDI	Specially Designed Instruction
SI	Speech Impairment
SI	Sensory Integration
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SST	Student Study Team
STAAR	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness
STAAR Alt	State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness – Alternate
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEKS	Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
VI	Visual Impairment
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation

**IMPORTANT:** This list is NOT an inclusive list of special education acronyms. The function of this list is to be a starting point and reference.