

The “Alphabet Soup” of Special Education: Common Acronyms

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA	American with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AE	Age Equivalent
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BOE	Board of Education
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Education
CSE	Committee on Special Education
DB	Deaf-Blind
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DOH	Department of Health
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EI	Early Intervention
IEE	Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
ESY	Extended School Year
ELL	English Language Learner
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education

FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
HI	Hearing Impaired
ID	Intellectual Disability
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LD	Learning Disability
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MHL	Mental Hygiene Law
NI	Neurological Impairment
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OI	Orthopedic Impairment
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OPWDD	Office of People with Developmental Disabilities

OT	Occupational Therapy
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
PPVT-R	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-Revised
PT	Physical Therapy
PLS-3	Preschool Language Scale 3
ROM	Range of Motion
RR	Resource Room
RS	Related Services
SCIS	Special Class Integrated Setting
SLI	Speech Language Impairment

