

# The ABCs of Special Education

## Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviations:

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| AAC   | Augmentative Alternative Communication              |
| ABS   | Adaptive Behavior Scale                             |
| ACC   | Annual Case Conference                              |
| ACR   | Annual Case Review                                  |
| ADA   | Americans with Disabilities Act                     |
| ADD   | Attention Deficit Disorder                          |
| ADHD  | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder            |
| APE   | Adapted Physical Education                          |
| ASD   | Autism Spectrum Disorders                           |
| AT    | Assistive Technology                                |
| BIP   | Behavior Intervention Plan                          |
| BLV   | Blind/Low Vision                                    |
| CCC   | Case Conference Committee                           |
| CD    | Cognitive Delay                                     |
| CHINS | Child in Need of Service                            |
| COOP  | Cooperative   |
| CP    | Cerebral Palsy                                      |
| CSC   | Child Services Coordinator                          |
| D&E   | Diagnosis and Evaluation                            |
| DD    | Developmental Delay                                 |
| DEL   | Division of Exceptional Learners                    |
| DHH   | Deaf/ Hard of Hearing                               |
| DMHA  | Division of Mental Health and Addiction             |
| DSE   | Director of the Division special Education          |
| DSM-5 | Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders |
| EC    | Early Childhood                                     |
| ED    | Emotional Disability                                |
| ENL   | English as New Language                             |
| ESY   | Extended School Year                                |

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|--------|---|
| FAPE   | Free, Appropriate Public Education          |
| FBA    | Functional Behavior Assessment              |
| Gen Ed | General Education                           |
| HB     | Homebound                                   |
| HI     | Hearing Impaired                            |
| IDEA   | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act |
| IEE    | Independent Educational Evaluation          |
| IEP    | Individualized Education Plan               |
| IFSP   | Individual Family Service Plan              |
| IHO    | Independent Hearing Officer                 |
| IQ     | Intelligence Quotient                       |
| IRP    | Individual Rehabilitation Plan              |
| ITP    | Individual Transition Plan                  |
| LEA    | Local Education Agency                      |
| LI     | Language Impairment                         |
| LRE    | Least Restrictive Environment               |
| MD     | Multiple Disability                         |
| MiCD   | Mild Cognitive Delay                        |
| MoCD   | Moderate Cognitive Delay                    |
| OCD    | Obsessive Compulsive Disorder               |
| OCR    | Office of Civil Rights                      |
| ODD    | Oppositional Defiant Disorder               |
| OHI    | Other Health Impaired                       |
| OI     | Orthopedically Impaired                     |
| OSEP   | Office of Special Education of Programs     |
| OT     | Occupational Therapy/Therapist              |
| OVR    | Office of Vocational Rehabilitation         |
| PAC    | Parent Advisory Council                     |
| PT     | Physical Therapy/Therapist                  |
| PVE    | Pre-Vocational Education                    |
| Rtl    | Response to Intervention                    |
| SCD    | Severe Cognitive Delay                      |
| SEA    | State Education Agency                      |
| SI     | Speech Impairment                           |

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|-----|------------------------------|
| SLD | Specific Learning Disability |
| SLP | Speech Language Pathologist  |
| SS  | Standard Score               |
| TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury       |
| TOR | Teacher of Record            |
| TOS | Teacher of Service           |
| VOD | Voice Output Device          |