

Helpful Acronyms

A Guide to Special Education

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Often educators and others will use an abbreviation (acronym) to describe a term such as a service, disability or agency. The following is a list of commonly used acronyms:

ADA: American with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD: Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
APE: Adaptive Physical Education
AE: Age Equivalent
ASL: American Sign Language
AT: Assistive Technology
BOCES: Board of Cooperative Educational Services
BOE: Board of Educational
CPSE: Committee on Preschool Special Education
CSE: Committee on Special Education
DD: Developmental Disability
ED: Emotionally Disabled
FAPE: Free and Appropriate Public Education
FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Program
IEP: Individualized Education Program
IH: Impartial Hearing
IQ: Intelligence Quotient
LD: Learning Disabled
LRE: Least Restrict Environment
MR: Mentally Retarded
OHI: Other Health Impaired
OT: Occupational Therapy
PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PT: Physical Therapy
SED: State Education Department
SEIT: Special Education Itinerant Teacher Services
SETRC: Special Education Training Resources Centers
SI: Speech Impaired
TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD: Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
VESID: Office of Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities
VI: Visually Impaired
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation