



SPECIAL EDUCATION ABBREVIATIONS

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AAC	Augmentative & Alternative Communication	ALD	Assistive Listening Device
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ABAS	Adaptive Behavior Assessment System	AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
ABC	Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence; Applied Behavior Checklist	APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ABLC	Affect-Based Language Curriculum	APR	Annual Performance Report
ABLRS-R	Assessment of Basic Language & Learning Skills - Revised	APS	Approved Private School
AC	Augmentative Communication	ARC	Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities
ACA	Affordable Care Act	AS	Autistic Support; Asperger's Syndrome
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	ASA	Autism Society of America
ADAAA	ADA Amendments Act	ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	ASDS	Asperger's Syndrome Diagnostic Scale
ADDM	Autism & Developmental Disabilities Monitoring	ASERT	Autism Services, Education, Resources & Training Collaborative
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ADI-R	Autism Diagnostic Interview, Revised	ASL	American Sign Language
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living	ASRS	Autism Spectrum Rating Scales
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule	AT	Assistive Technology
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution	ATD	Alternating Treatments Design
AFAA	Advancing Futures for Adults with Autism	AVTS	Area Vocational Technical School
AFLS™	Assessment of Functional Living Skills	AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
AIM	Accessible Instructional Materials	B	
AIT	Auditory Integration Training	BAS	Bureau of Autism Services
		BASC	Behavior Rating Assessment of Children

BBCS	Bracken Basic Concept Scale	CALP	Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	CAO	County Assistance Office; Chief Administrative Officer
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst	CAP	Corrective Action Plan; Client Assistance Project
BCEA™	Board Certified Education Advocate™	CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
BD	Behavioral Disorder	CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale
BDI	Battelle Developmental Inventory	CART	Computer Aided Real-time Translation
BEC	Basic Education Circular	CAS	Childhood Apraxia of Speech
BHRS	Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services	CASL	Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language
BICS	Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills	CASSP	Child & Adolescent Service System Program
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan; Behavior Improvement Plan	CAVP	Corrective Action Verification Plan
BMP	Behavior Management Plan	CBA	Curriculum-Based Assessment
BOSS	Behavioral Observation of Students in Schools	CBCL	Child Behavior Checklist
BOTMP	Bruininks-Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency	CBI	Community Based Instruction
BP	Behavior Plan	CBITS	Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools
BPR	Behavior Performance Review	CBM	Curriculum-Based Measurement
BRI	Behavioral Regulation Index	CBM-R	Curriculum-Based Measurement of Oral Reading
BRIEF	Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function	CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
BSC	Behavior Specialist Consultant	CCC	Children’s Communication Checklist
BSE	Bureau of Special Education	CDI	Children’s Depression Inventory
BSID	Bayley Scales of Infant Development	CDT	Classroom Diagnostic Tools
BSP	Behavior Support Program	CdLS	Cornelia de Lange Syndrome
BSU	Base Service Unit	CE	Conductive Education
C			
CA	Chronological Age	CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CADRE	Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution		

CELF	Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals	CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CERC	Corrections Education Records Center	CST	Child Study Team
CF	Cystic Fibrosis	CTC	Career & Technical Education Center
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	CTE	Career & Technical Education
CHAPTER 14	Regulations of PA Board of Education Implementing IDEIA	CVI	Cortical Visual Impairment
CHAPTER 15	Regulations of PA Board of Education Implementing § 504	CTONI	Comprehensive Test of Nonverbal Intelligence
CHAT	Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	CTOPP	Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing
CHO	Certified Hearing Officer	CVLT-C	California Verbal Learning Test, Children’s Version
CHOP	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia	CYS	Children & Youth Services
CI	Community Integration	D	
CIP	Classification of Instructional Program	DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practices
CIR	Complaint Investigation Reports	DAS	Differential Ability Scales; Developmental Apraxia of Speech
CIS	Community Integrated Services	DAYC	Developmental Assessment of Young Children
CLD	Cultural & Linguistic Diversity	DB	Deaf-Blind
CLM	Competent Learner Model	DD	Developmental Delay; Developmental Disabilities
CMCI	Compliance Monitoring for Continuous Improvement	DDD	Decision Due Date
COP	Communities of Practice	DDS	Disability Determination Service
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	DH	Developmentally Handicapped
CP	Cerebral Palsy	DHS	Department of Human Services
CRE	Certified Review Entity	DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
CRP	Call Resolution Process	DIR	Developmental Individual Differences, Relationship-Based
CS	Charter School	D-KEFS	Delis-Kaplan Executive Functioning System
CSAP	Comprehensive Student Assistance Program	DLP	Disabilities Law Project
CSIT	Cognitive Social Integration Therapy		

DOC	Department of Compliance	EIS	Early Intervening Services
DOH	Department of Health	EITA	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
DPH	Due Process Hearing	ELC-PA	Education Law Center of Pennsylvania
DPW	Department of Public Welfare	ELL	English Language Learners
DRA	Differential Reinforcement of “Alternative”	EMR	Educable Mentally Retarded
DRI	Differential Reinforcement of “Incompatible” Behaviors	EOWPVT	Expressive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test
DRN	Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania	EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment
DRO	Differential Reinforcement of “Other” Behaviors	ER	Evaluation Report
DRP	Degrees of Reading Power	ES	Emotional Support
DS	Down Syndrome	ESDM	Early Start Denver Model
DSM	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual	ESEA	Elementary & Secondary Education Act
DTT	Discrete Trial Training	ESL	English as a Second Language

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EBR	Educational Benefit Review	ESY	Extended School Year
ECC	Evaluative Conciliation Conference	ETCH	Evaluation Tool of Children’s Handwriting
ECE	Early Childhood Education	EVT	Expressive Vocabulary Test
ECT	Electro Convulsive Therapy		
ED	Emotional Disturbance		
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations		
EDS	Extended Day School		
EFD	Executive Function Disorder		
EI	Early Intervention		
EID	Effective Instruction Delivery		
EIPA	Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment		

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FAIP-R	Formative Assessment Instrumentation & Procedures for Reading
FAIR-P	Functional Assessment Informant Record for Parents
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FAST	Functional Analysis Screening Tool
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment / Functional Behavioral Analysis
FC	Facilitated Communication
FCT	Functional Communication Training

FEOG Full Educational Opportunity Goal
FERPA Family Education Rights & Privacy Act
FOIA Freedom of Information Act
FSA Facilitated Self-Assessment

HOH Hand over Hand
HUNE Hispanics United for Exceptional Children

G

GAC General Adaptive Composite
GADS Gilliam Asperger’s Disorder Scale
GAI General Ability Index
GARS Gilliam Autism Rating Scale
GDS Gordon Diagnostic System
GE General Education
GEC General Executive Composite
GFTA Goldman Fristoe Test of Articulation
GIEP Gifted Individualized Education Program
GFCF Gluten-Free/Casein Free
GMDT Gifted Multi-Disciplinary Team
GRADE Group Reading Assessment & Diagnostic Evaluation
GWR Gifted Written Report

I

IA Instructional Assistant
IAES Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ICC Interagency Coordinating Council
ICD Impulse Control Disorder
ICF Indian Creek Foundation
ID Intellectual Disability
IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEIA Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IDT Intensive Day Treatment
IEE Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP Individualized Education Program
IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan
IGDI Individual Growth & Development Indicators
IHE Institution of Higher Education
IHO Impartial Hearing Officer
IHP Individual Health Plan

H

HBOT Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
HFA High Functioning Autism
HI Hearing Impaired
HIPPA Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act
HQT Highly Qualified Teacher
HO Hearing Officer

IMSLEC International Multisensory Structured Language Education Counsel
IPA International Phonetic Alphabet
IPE Individual Plan for Employment
IQ Intelligence Quotient
IRI Informal Reading Inventory
IS Itinerant Support

ISP	Individual Service Plan	LTCC	Local Transition Coordinating Council
ISPT	Interagency Service Planning Team	LTF	Local Task Force
ISSP	Instructional Support System of PA	M	
IST	Instructional Support Team/Teacher	MA	Medical Assistance
IT	Itinerant Teacher	MAPS	Making Action Plans
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan	MARC	Montgomery County Association for Retarded Citizens
ITT	Intentional Table Teaching	MAS	Motivation Assessment Scale
IU	Intermediate Unit	MAWA	Mutually Agreed Upon Written Arrangement
IVA	Integrated Variables & Auditory Attention & Response Control	MAWD	Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities
IWRP	Individualized Written Rehabilitation Program	MCAP	Montgomery Child Advocacy Project
J			
JLC	Juvenile Law Center	M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
K			
K-ABC	Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children	MCDI	MacArthur Communicative Development Inventory
KOSHK	Knew or Should Have Known	MD	Multiple Disabilities / Muscular Dystrophy / Manifestation Determination
KTEA	Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement	MDE	Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation
L			
LAP	Learning Accomplishment Profile	MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
LD	Learning Disability	MDS	Multiple Disabilities Support
LEA	Local Educational Agency	MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	MECA	Mission for Educating Children with Autism
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council	MH/MR	Mental Health/Mental Retardation
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	MI	Metacognition Index
LS	Learning Support	MLU	Mean Length of Utterance
LSS	Life Skills Support	MMR	Mildly Mentally Retarded
		MNC	Medical Necessity Criteria

MOU Memorandum of Understanding
MR Mental Retardation
MR/DD Mental Retardation/Developmental Delay
MRI Multisensory Reading Instruction
MSD Motor Speech Disorder
MSEL Mullen Scales of Early Learning
MT Mobile Therapist

NISL National Institute for School Leadership
NORA Notice of Recommended Assignment
NOREP Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
NOS Not Otherwise Specified
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule Making
NSEAI National Special Education Advocacy Institute

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NAC National Autism Center
NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness
NAPCSE National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education
NASDSE National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCLB No Child Left Behind
NCR Noncontingent Reinforcer
NCRTI National Center on Response to Interventions
NCSE National Council for Special Education
NCSP Nationally Certified School Psychologist
NDT Neurodevelopmental Treatment
NEPSY Neuropsychological Assessment
NET Natural Environment Teaching
NICHCY National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities
NIH National Institutes of Health
NIMAC National Instructional Materials Access Center
NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards

NSTTAC National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center

NT Neurologically Typical

O

O & M Orientation & Mobility
OAR Organization for Autism Research
OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCDEL Office of Child Development & Early Learning
OCYF Office of Children, Youth & Families
OCR Office for Civil Rights
ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder
ODHH Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
ODP Office of Developmental Programs
ODR Office for Dispute Resolution
OHI Other Health Impairment
OI Orthopedic Impairment
OGC Office of General Counsel
OMH Office of Mental Health
OMR Office of Mental Retardation

OSB	Overbrook School for the Blind	PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	PDMS	Peabody Developmental Motor Scales
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	PE	Physical Education
OT	Occupational Therapy	PEAC	Pennsylvania’s Education for All Coalition
OTR/L	Occupational Therapist, Registered, Licensed	PEAL	Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
OWLS	Oral & Written Language Scales	PELs	Present Education Levels
P			
PALS	Peer-Assisted Learning System	PEN	Parent Education Network
PAS	Promoting Academic Success	PEP	Psycho-Educational Profile
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support	PHC	Prehearing Conference
PASA	Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment	PIAT-R	Peabody Individual Achievement Test - Revised
PAT	Phonemic Awareness Test	PILCOP	Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
PATC	Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference	PIMS	Pennsylvania Information Management System
PATH	Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope	PIN	Parents Involved Network
PaTTAN	Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network	PIQ	Pictorial Intelligence Quotient
PBIS	Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports	PLAAFP	Present Levels of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance
PBS	Positive Behavior Support	PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
PCA	Personal Care Assistant	PLP	Present Level of Performance
PCP	Person Centered Planning Process	PLS	Preschool Language Scale
PD	Physical Disability	POAC	Parents of Autistic Children
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder	PP	Paraprofessional
PDDBI	Pervasive Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory	PP&A	Pennsylvania Protection & Advocacy
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified	PPRA	Pupil Rights Amendment Act
		PPVT	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test

PRI	Perceptual Reasoning Index	RR	Reevaluation Report
PRT	Pivotal Response Training	RRN	Restrictive, Repetitive, Nonfunctional Patterns of Behavior, Interests or Activity
PS	Preschool	RS	Related Services
PSSA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment	RTF	Residential Treatment Facility
PT	Physical Therapy	RTI	Response to Intervention
PTI	Pictorial Test of Intelligence; Parent Training & Information	RTII	Response to Intervention & Instruction
PTE	Permission to Evaluate Form	S	
PTIC	Parent Training & Information Center	SAAFP	Summary of Academic Achievement & Functional Performance
PTRE	Permission to Reevaluate	SAGES	Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary Students
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	SAP	Student Assistance Program
PUNS	Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services	SAS	Standards Aligned Systems
PVAAS	Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System	SaS	Supplementary Aids & Services
PWN	Prior Written Notice	SB	Spina Bifida
Q		SBAP	School-Based ACCESS Program
QRI	Qualitative Reading Inventory	SBBH	School-Based Behavioral Health
R		SBIS	Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale
RAD	Reactive Attachment Disorder	SC	Service Coordinator
RAST	Regional Assessment & Support Team	SCA	Single County Authority
RCFT	Rey-Osterreith Complex Figure Test	SCD	Social Communication Disorder
RDI	Relationship Development Intervention	SCERTS	Social Communication/Emotional Regulation/Transactional Support
REEL	Receptive-Expressive Emergent Language Test	SCQ	Social Communication Questionnaire
RFFC	Receptively identifying an item by Feature, Function, Class	SDI	Specially Designed Instruction
RIC	Regional Intensive Coordinator	SDC	Special Day Class
ROWPVT	Receptive One-Word Picture Vocabulary Test	SE	Special Education
		SEA	State Educational Agency

SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee	SPD	Sensory Processing Disorder
SEAP	Special Education Advisory Panel	SPED	Special Education
Section 504	§ 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973	SPIB	Social & Pre-Vocational Information Battery
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance	SPM	Sensory Processing Measure
SER	Sensory or Emotional Regulation	SPM-P	Sensory Processing Measure – Preschool
SES	Supplemental Education Services	SPOC	Single Point of Contact
SETT	Student, Environment, Tasks & Tools	SPP	State Performance Plan
SFA	School Functional Assessment	SRC	School Readiness Composite
SI	Sensory Integration	SRI	Scholastic Reading Inventory
SII	Sensory Integration Inventory	SRO	State Review Officer
SIB	Self Injurious Behavior	SRS	Social Responsiveness Scale
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council	SSA	Social Security Administration
SID	Sensory Integration Dysfunction	SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SIFTER	Screening Instrument for Targeting Educational Risk	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SIG	State Improvement Grant	SSIS	Social Skills Improvement System
SIP	State Implementation Plan	SSRS	Social Skills Rating System
S/L	Speech & Language	SST	Student Study Team
SLD	Specific Learning Disability	ST	Speech Therapy
SLDT	Social Language Development Test	STAR	Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment	STAT	Screening Tool for Autism in 2-Year-Olds
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist	STF	State Task Force
SMD	Sensory Modulation Disorder	STL	Short-Term Loan
SMRS	Scientific Merit Rating Scale	STS	School Therapeutic Services; Short-Term Suspension
SNT	Special Needs Trust	STW	School Therapeutic Worker
SOC	Statement of Claim	SWPBIS	School-Wide Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports
SP	Surrogate Parent		

SY School Year

UDL Universal Design for Learning

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UNIT Universal Nonverbal Intelligence Test

TaC Training and Consultation Services

V

TACL Test for Auditory Comprehension of Language

VABS Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale

TAPS Test of Auditory Processing Skills

VAKT Visual-Auditory-Kinesthetic-Tactile

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

VB Verbal Behavior Therapy

TDD Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf

WBLE Work-Based Learning Experiences

TEACCH Treatment & Education of Autistic & Related Communication –Handicapped Children

VB-MAPP Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment & Placement Program

TELD Test of Early Language Development

VCI Verbal Comprehension Index

TEP Truancy Elimination Plan

VI Visual Impairment

TF-CBT Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy

VMI Visual Motor Integration

VR Vocational Rehabilitation

TIMS Teacher Information Management System

W

TMR Trainable Mentally Retarded

WADE Wilson Assessment of Decoding &Encoding

TOLD Test of Language Development

WASI Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence

TONI Test of Nonverbal Intelligence

WAIS Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale

TOPL Test of Pragmatic Language

WIA Workforce Investment Act

TOPS Test of Problem Solving Skills

WIAT Wechsler Individual Achievement Test

TRF Teacher Report Form

WIB Workforce Investment Board

TS Tourette Syndrome

WISC Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

TSS Therapeutic Support Services

WMI Working Memory Index

T-TA Training & Technical Assistance

WNV Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability

TTY Teletypewriter

WPPSI Wechsler Preschool & Primary Scales of Intelligence

TVPS Test of Visual Perceptual Skills

WRS Wilson Reading System

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WRAML Wide Range Assessment of Memory &
Learning

WRAT Wide Range Achievement Test

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YCAT Young Children's Achievement Test