Abbreviations & Acronyms

As you work your way through the special education process, you will encounter many acronyms and abbreviations. Listed below are some of the most commonly used acronyms and abbreviations.

A
ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act
AEP | Alternative Education Program
APE | Adaptive Physical Education
ARD | Admission, Review, & Dismissal
AT | Assistive Technology
AYP | Adequate Yearly Progress

B
BIP | Behavior Intervention Plan

C
CBA | Curriculum Based Assessment
CBI | Community Based Instruction
CBVI | Community Based Vocational Instruction
CTE | Career and Technology Education

D
DAEP | Disciplinary Alternative Education Program
DOE | Department of Education
DSHS | Department of State Health Services

E
ECI | Early Childhood Intervention
ECSE | Early Childhood Special Education
ELL | English Language Learner
ESL | English as a Second Language
ESC | Education Service Center
ESY | Extended School Year

F
FAPE | Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA | Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FIE | Full and Individual Evaluation
FIIE | Full Initial and Individual Evaluation

H
HHSC | Health and Human Services Commission

Resources for Families

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IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE | Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP | Individualized Education Program (may also be used to refer to Individual Education Plan)
IFSP | Individual Family Service Plan
IEP | Individual Transition Plan

LEA | Local Education Agency
LEP | Limited English Proficient
LPAC | Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
LRE | Least Restrictive Environment

MDR | Manifestation Determination Review

O&M | Orientation & Mobility
OCR | Office for Civil Rights (under Department of Education)
OSEP | Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS | Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

PLAAFP | Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PWN | Prior Written Notice

REED | Review of Existing Evaluation Data
RTI | Response to Intervention

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