

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



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I

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

ITP | Individual Transition Plan

L

LEA | Local Education Agency

LEP | Limited English Proficient

LPAC | Language Proficiency Assessment Committee

LRE | Least Restrictive Environment

M

MDR | Manifestation Determination Review

O

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

P

PLAAPF | Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance

PWN | Prior Written Notice

R

REED | Review of Existing Evaluation Data

RTI | Response to Intervention

S

SBOE | State Board of Education

SEA | State Education Agency

SLP | Speech Language Pathologist (Speech and Language Therapist)

SOP | Summary of Performance

STAAR | State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

T

TAC | Texas Administrative Code

TEA | Texas Education Agency

TEC | Texas Education Code

TEKS | Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

TELPAS | Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System

V

VAC | Vocational Adjustment Class

VR | Vocational Rehabilitation



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