Special Education Terms and Acronyms

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution
APD - Auditory Processing Disorder
APE - Adaptive Physical Education
APR - Annual Performance Report
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL - American Sign Language
AT - Assistive Technology
AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress

BIP - Behavioral Intervention Plan
CAP - Corrective Action Plan
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
CSA - Comprehensive Services Act
CSB - Community Services Board
DB - Deaf-Blindness
DBVI - Virginia Department of Blind and Visually Impaired
DD - Developmental Delay
DSM-V - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth edition

ED - Emotional Disability
EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHA - Education of the Handicapped Act
EOC - End of Course
ERS - Early Resolution System
ESL - English as a Second Language
ESY - Extended School Year

FAPT - Family Assessment Planning Team
FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
HI - Hearing Impairment
HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HOH - Hard of Hearing

IAES - Interim Alternative Education Setting
ID – Intellectual Disability
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEIA - Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act of 2004 (otherwise called IDEA)
IDELR - Individuals with Disabilities Education Law Reporter
IEE - Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP - Individualized Education Program
IFSP - Individual Family Service Plan
IHO - Impartial Hearing Officer
IQ - Intelligence Quotient
ISP - Individual Services Plan

LAC - Local Advisory Committee (otherwise called SEAC)
LEA - Local Educational Agency (School division or SOP)
LEP - Limited English Proficiency
LOF - Letter of Findings
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment

MD - Multiple Disabled
MDR - Manifestation Determination Review
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