



## 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

**FAPE** - Free Appropriate Public Education

**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

**NCLB** - No Child Left Behind Act of 2001  
**NIMAC** - National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center  
**NIMAS** - National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center  
**NLD** - NVLD Non-verbal Learning Disability

**O&M** - Orientation and Mobility Services  
**OCD** - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
**OCR** - Office for Civil Rights (at USED)  
**ODD** - Oppositional Defiant Disorder  
**ODRAS** - Office of Dispute Resolution and Administrative Services (at VDOE)  
**OHI** - Other Health Impaired  
**OI** - Orthopedic Impairment  
**OSEP** - Office of Special Education Programs (at USED)  
**OSERS** - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (at USED)  
**OT** - Occupational Therapy

**PBIS** - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports  
**PDD** - Pervasive Developmental Disorder  
**PE** - Physical Education  
**PLOP** - Present Level of Performance  
**PRC** - Parent Resource Center

**PSD** - Procedural Safeguards Document  
**PT** - Physical Therapy  
**PTSD** - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
**PWN** - Prior Written Notice

**RTI** - Response to Intervention

**SD** - Severe Disability  
**SEA** - State Educational Agency (otherwise called VDOE)  
**SEAC** - Special Education Advisory Committee (otherwise called LAC)  
**SED** - Serious Emotional Disturbance  
**SI** - Sensory Integration  
**SLD** - Specific Learning Disability  
**SLI** - Speech Language Impairment  
**SOL** - Standards of Learning Test  
**SOP** - State-Operated Program  
**SP/L - S/L** Speech/Language  
**SPED** - Special Education  
**SPP** - State Performance Plan  
**SSEAC** - State Special Education Advisory Committee  
**STO** - Short-term Objective

**T/TAC** - Training /Technical Assistance Center  
**TBI** - Traumatic Brain Injury

**USC** - United States Code  
**USED** - United States Department of Education

**VAAP** - Virginia Alternative Assessment Program  
**VAC** - Virginia Administrative Code  
**VDOE** - Virginia Department of Education  
**VGLA** - Virginia Grade Level Alternative Program  
**VI - Visual Impairment**  
**VR** - Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
**VSDB** - Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton or the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton

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