Common Acronyms in Education

ADA  Americans with Disabilities Act
AAMR  American Association on Mental Retardation
ACB  American Council on the Blind
ADR  Alternative Dispute Resolution
AED  Academy for Educational Development
AFB  American Foundation for the Blind
AG  Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Alliance  Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers
ASA  Autism Society of America
ASDC  American Society for Deaf Children
ASHA  American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ATA  Alliance for Technology Access
The Arc  formerly The Association for Retarded Citizens
AYP  Adequate Yearly Progress
BIA  Bureau of Indian Affairs or Brain Injury Association
CCD  Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
CEC  Council for Exceptional Children
COPAA  The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates
CPRC  Community Parent Resource Centers
DOE  Department of Education
EC  Early Childhood
ECO  Early Childhood Outcomes Center
ECSE  Early Childhood Special Education
ED  U.S. Department of Education
EDGAR  Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHDI  Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EI  Early Intervention
ERIC  Educational Resources Information Center
ESA  Educational Service Agency
ESEA  Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESY  Extended School Year
FAPE  Free Appropriate Public Education; Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
FERPA  Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFCMH  Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
FICC  Federal Interagency Coordinating Council
FOIA  Freedom of Information Act
FRC  Federal Resource Center
FSP  Family Support Plan
HI  Hearing Impaired
HOH  Hard of Hearing
IDEA  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
ICC  Interagency Coordinating Council
IEP  Individualized Education Plan
IFSP  Individualized Family Service Plan
SIP  State Implementation Plan
SSA  Social Security Administration
SSDI  Social Security Disability Income
SSI  Supplemental Security Income
T/TA  Training and Technical Assistance
TA  Technical Assistance
TASH  formerly The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
TDD/TTY  Telecommunication Device for the Deaf/Teletype
TWWIIA  Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act
UAP  University Affiliated Program – See UCEDD
UCEDD  University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
        Education, Research and Service (formerly University Affiliated
        Programs or UAPs)
UCP  United Cerebral Palsy Associations
VI  Visual Impairment
Voc Ed  Vocational Education
VR  Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC  Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food
     Program)
WWC  What Works Clearinghouse