

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 Coordination Council
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan

IHE	Institution of Higher Learning
ILC	Independent Living Center
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
LEA	Local Education Agency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
NAPAS	National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
NAPVI	National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCD	National Council on Disability
NCDB	National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness
NCIL	National Center on Independent Living
NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
NEA	National Education Association
NICHY	National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities formerly National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
NICHD	National Institute for Child Health and Human Development
NICU	National Intensive Care Unit
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIH	National Institute of Health
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NIMH	National Institutes of Mental Health
NMHA	National Mental Health Association
NOPBC	National Organization of Parents of Blind Children
NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders
NPND	National Parent Network on Disabilities
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OERI	Office of Educational Research
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OMRDD	Office of Mentally Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
P & A	Protection and Advocacy
PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
PBIS	OSEP's Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports
Perkins Act	Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act
PIRC	Parent Information and Resource Center
PTI	Parent Training and Information (Center)
RFP	Requests for proposals
RSA	Rehabilitative Services Agency
RTI	Response-to-Intervention
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
SEA	State Education Agency
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SED	State Education Department; Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SIG	State Improvement Grant

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