

Frequently Used Acronyms

A Acronyms

AAC | Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA | Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABC | Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD/ADHD | Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AIM | Accessible Instructional Materials
APE | Adaptive Physical Education
ASD | Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL | American Sign Language
AT | Assistive Technology

B Acronyms

BD | Behavioral Disorder
BIE | Bureau of Indian Education
BIP | Behavioral Intervention Plan

C Acronyms

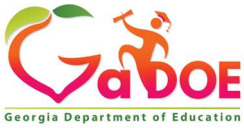
CAPD | Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CBA | Curriculum Based Assessment
CC | Closed Captioning
CF | Cystic Fibrosis
CFR | Code of Federal Regulations
CP | Cerebral Palsy
CPIR | Center for Parent Information and Resources

D Acronyms

DB | Deaf-Blind
DD | Developmental Delay
DIBELS | Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy
DS | Down Syndrome
DSM | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association

E Acronyms

ECE | Early Childhood Education
ECSE | Early Childhood Special Education
ED | Emotional Disturbance
ELL | English Language Learner
ESD | Extended School Day
ESL | English as a Second Language
ESSA | Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY or EYS | Extended School Year or Extended Year Services



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F Acronyms

FAPE | Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA | Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC | Facilitated Communication
FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

G and H Acronyms

GADOE | The Georgia Department of Education
GE | General Education
GT | Gifted and Talented
HI | Hearing Impaired
HO | Hearing Officer
HH | Hard of Hearing

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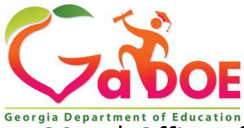
IA | Instructional Assistant
IAES | Interim Alternative Educational Setting
ID | Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE | Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP | Individualized Education Program
IFSP | Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE | Institution of Higher Education

L, M, and N Acronyms

LD | Learning Disability
LEA | Local Education Agency
LEP | Limited English Proficiency
LRE | Least Restrictive Environment
MD | Muscular Dystrophy
MD or MH | Multiple Disabilities or Multiply Handicapped
MDR | Manifestation Determination Review
NIH | National Institutes of Health

O Acronyms

OCD | Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR | Office for Civil Rights
ODD | Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI | Other Health Impairment
OI | Orthopedic Impairment
O & M | Orientation and Mobility Services
OSAH | Office of State Administrative Hearings



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OSEP | Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education
OT | Occupational Therapy

P and R Acronyms

P&A | Protection & Advocacy
PALS | Peer-Assisted Learning System
PARCC | Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PASS | Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBS | Positive Behavioral Supports
PCA | Personal Care Attendant
PD | Physical Disability
PDD | Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PEI | Spanish acronym for the Individualized Education Program (Plan Educativo Individualizado)
PII | Personally Identifiable Information
PLAAFP | Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PP | Paraprofessional
PS | Preschool
PT | Physical Therapy
RS | Related Services
RTI | Response to Intervention

S Acronyms

§ | This symbol means “Section” as in “§ 300.7 Child with a disability” in the IDEA regulations
SAS | Supplementary Aids and Services
SB | Spina Bifida
SE | Special Education
SEA | State Education Agency
SEAC | Special Education Advisory Committee
Section 504 | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SED | Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI | Sensory Integration
SLD | Specific Learning Disability
SLI | Speech/Language Impairment
SLP | Speech/Language Pathologist
SST | Student Support Team

T to Z Acronyms

TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD | Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TS | Tourette Syndrome
TTY | Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
VI | Visual Impairment
Voc Ed | Vocational Education
VR | Vocational Rehabilitation