**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
Frequently Used Acronyms

**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

**I Acronyms**
- 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
Frequently Used Acronyms

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