



# Disability Acronyms

## **O-10**

504 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

## **A**

AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication  
ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis  
ABC - Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence  
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act  
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder  
ADE - Arkansas Department of Education  
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
ADLs - Activities of Daily Living  
ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution  
AIM - Accessible Instructional Materials  
APA - American Psychological Association  
APE - Adaptive Physical Education  
APR - Annual Performance Report  
ARD - Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee  
ARFID - Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder  
ARRA - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder  
ASL - American Sign Language  
AT - Assistive Technology  
ATA - Assistive Technology Act  
AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress

## **B**

BD - Behavioral Disorder  
BIE - Bureau of Indian Education  
BIP - Behavioral Intervention Plan  
BOE - Board of Education

## **C**

CAP - Corrective Action Plan  
CAP - Client Assistance Program  
CAPD - Central Auditory Processing Disorder  
CAPTA - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act  
CBA - Curriculum Based Assessment  
CBI - Community Based Intervention  
CC - Closed Captioning  
CCSS - Common Core State Standards  
CDA - Child Development Associate  
CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CEC - Council for Exceptional Children  
CES - Community Employment Support  
CF - Cystic Fibrosis  
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations  
CHIP - Children's Health Insurance Program  
CIFMS - Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System  
COP - Community of Practice  
CP - Cerebral Palsy  
CPIR - Center for Parent Information and Resources  
CPRC - Community Parent Resource Center  
CSHCN - Children with Special Health Care Needs  
CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development  
CST - Child Study Team

## **D**

DB - Deaf-Blind  
DD - Developmental Delay or Disability  
DD Act - Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

DDC - Developmental Disabilities Council  
DESE - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
DHS - Department of Human Services  
DIBELS - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy  
DoDDS - Department of Defense Dependent Schools  
DOE - Department of Education  
DOR - Department of Rehabilitation  
DRA - Disability Rights Arkansas  
DS - Down Syndrome  
DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association

## **E**

ECE - Early Childhood Education  
ECSE - Early Childhood Special Education  
ED - Emotional Disturbance  
ED - U.S. Department of Education  
EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations  
EHA - Education of the Handicapped Act (now IDEA)  
EHDI - Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program  
EI - Early Intervention  
EIS - Early Intervening Services  
ELL - English Language Learner  
EMH - Educable Mentally Handicapped  
EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment  
ERIC - Education Resources Information Center  
ESD - Extended School Day  
ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act (now called ESSA)  
ESL - English as a Second Language  
ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act  
ESY or EYS - Extended School Year or Extended Year Services

## **F**

F2F - Family to Family

FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education  
FAS - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome  
FBA - Functional Behavioral Assessment  
FC - Facilitated Communication  
FEOG - Full Educational Opportunity Goal  
FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act

## **G**

GE - General Education  
GPRA - Government Performance and Results Act  
GT - Gifted and Talented

## **H**

HCBS - Home and Community Based Services  
HI - Hearing Impaired  
HIPPA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
HO - Hearing Officer  
HoH - Hard of Hearing  
HOUSSE - High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation

## **I**

IA - Instructional Assistant  
IAES - Interim Alternative Educational Setting  
ICAN - Increasing Capability Access Network  
ID - Intellectual Disabilities  
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
IEE - Independent Educational Evaluation  
IEP - Individualized Education Program  
IES - Institute of Education Sciences  
IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan  
IFTW - Independent Futures That Work  
IHE - Institution of Higher Education  
IL - Independent Living  
ISP - Individual Service Plan  
ITCA - Infants and Toddlers Coordinators Association  
ITP - Individualized Transition Plan

## **L**

LD - Learning Disability  
LEA - Local Education Agency  
LEP - Limited English Proficiency  
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment  
LSW - Licensed Social Worker

## **M**

MD - Muscular Dystrophy  
MD - Multiple Disabilities  
MDR - Manifestation Determination Review  
MHP - Mental Health Professional  
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding

## **N**

NACDD - National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
NASDE - National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
NCIL - National Council on Independent Living  
NCLB - No Child Left Behind  
NCLD - National Center for Learning Disabilities  
ND - Neurodiversity, Neurodiverse, Neurodivergent  
NDRN - National Disability Rights Network  
NIH - National Institutes of Health  
NIMAS - National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard  
NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health  
NOA - Notice of Action  
NPRM - Notice of Proposed Rule Making  
NT - Neurotypical  
NTA - National Transition Alliance for Youth with Disabilities

## **O**

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  
OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. Dept of Ed)  
OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (U.S. Dept)  
OT - Occupational Therapy

## **P**

P & A - Protection & Advocacy  
PACER - Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights  
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 - Plan Educativo Individualizado  
Perkins Act - Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act  
PII - Personally Identifiable Information  
PL - Public Law  
PLAAFP - Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance  
PLEP - Present Level of Educational Performance  
PLP - Present Level of Performance  
PP - Paraprofessional  
PS - Preschool  
PT - Physical Therapy  
PTAC - Parent Technical Assistance Center  
PTI - Parent Training and Information Center  
PWN - Prior Written Notice

## **R**

RDA - Results-Driven Accountability  
RFP - Request for Proposals  
RS - Related Services  
RSA - Rehabilitation Services Administration  
RTI - Response to Intervention

RTTT- Race to the Top Fund

## **S**

§ - This symbol means "Section"

SAS - Supplementary Aids and Services

SB - Spina Bifida

SCHIP - State Children's Health Insurance Program

SE - Special Education

SEA - State Education Agency

SEAC - State Education Agency Committee

Section 504 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

SED - Serious Emotional Disturbance

SEE - Signing Exact English

SI - Sensory Integration

SIG - State Improvement Grant

SIMR - State-Identified Measurable Results for Children with Disabilities

SIP - State Implementation Plan

SLD - Specific Learning Disability

SLI - Speech/Language Impairment

SLP - Speech/Language Pathology

SPC - Separate Programming Conference

SPED - Special Education

SPOA - Specific Power of Attorney

SPP - State Performance Plan

SPD - Sensory Processing Disorder

SSDI - Social Security Disability Income

SSI - Social Security Income

SSIP - State Systematic Improvement Plan

SST - Student Study Team

SWD - Student with Disability

## **T**

TA - Technical Assistance

TANF - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury

TCFEF - The Center for Exceptional Families

TDD - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf

TEFRA - Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act

Title IV - Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965

TS - Tourette Syndrome

T-TA - Training and Technical Assistance

TTY - Teletypewriter

TWWIIA - Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

## **V**

VI - Visual Impairment

Voc Ed - Vocational Education

VR - Vocational Rehabilitation

## **W**

WIC - Women, Infants, and Children (Special Supplement Food Program)

WIOA - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WOTC - Work Opportunity Tax Credit

WWC - What Works Clearinghouse

## **Y**

YIT - Youth in Transition (Disability)

