Special Education Acronyms

AAC: Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA: Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD: Attention Deficit/Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADHD: Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADLs: Activities of Daily Living
APE: Adaptive Physical Education
ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL: American Sign Language
AT: Assistive Technology
BIP: Behavioral Intervention Plan
CP: Cerebral Palsy
DB: Deaf-Blind
DD: Developmental Delay
DS: Down Syndrome
ECE: Early Childhood Education
ED: Emotional Disturbance
EI: Early Intervention
ESL: English as a Second Language
ESY: Extended School Year
FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA: Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
H: Hearing Impaired
ID: Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE: Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP: Individualized Education Program

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IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan
IQ: Intelligence Quotient
ITP: Individualized Transition Plan
LD: Learning Disability
LEA: Local Education Agency
LRE: Least Restrictive Environment
MD or MH: Multiple Disabilities or Multiple Handicapped
OCD: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI: Other Health Impairment
OI: Orthopedic Impairment
OT: Occupational Therapy
PBS: Positive Behavioral Supports
PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PLEP or PLOP: Present Level of Educational Performance or Present Level of Performance
PT: Physical Therapy
SAT: Student Assistance Team
SB: Spina Bifida
SE: Special Education
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 Study Team
TB: Traumatic Brain Injury
VI : Visual Impairment
Voc Ed: Vocational Education
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation