Special Education Acronyms and Terms

Numeric
2E: Twice Exceptional

Alphabetical

A
AAC: Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ABA: Applied Behavior Analysis
ABC: Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ACES: Adverse Childhood Experiences
ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD: Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADR: Alternative Dispute Resolution
AE: Age Equivalent
AEDY: Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth
AIM: Accessible Instructional Materials
AIS: Academic Intervention Services
ALD: Assistive Listening Device
ALE: Alternative Learning Experience
APD: Auditory Processing Disorder
APE: Adaptive Physical Education
APR: Annual Performance Report
APS: Approved Private School
ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL: American Sign Language
AT: Assistive Technology
AVTS: Area Vocational Technical School
AYP: Adequate Yearly Progress

B
BASC: Behavior Assessment System for Children
BCBA: Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BD: Behavioral Disorder
BIP: Behavior Intervention Improvement Plan
BIPOC: Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (Multiple variations of this acronym)
BOCES: Board of Cooperative Education Services
BOE: Board of Education

C
CAPD: Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CAP: Corrective Action Plan
CBA: Curriculum Based Assessment
CBI: Community Based Instruction
CBPA: Classroom Based Performance Assessments
CBS: Curriculum-Based Measurement
CBT: Certified Behavior Therapist
CBT: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
CC: Closed Captioning
CCSS: Common Core State Standards
CD: Cognitive Delay
CD: Communication Disorder
CEC: Council for Exceptional Children
CIFMS: Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring System
CIS: Certificated Instructional Staff
CP: Cerebral Palsy
CPS: Child Protective Services
CPS: Collaborative Proactive Solutions
CPSE: Committee on Preschool Special Education
CSE: Committee on Special Education

D
DB: Deaf-Blind
DCYF: Department of Children, Youth & Families (Washington State)
DD: Developmental Disability/Delay
DDA: Development Disabilities Association
DHH: Deaf and Hard of Hearing
DIBELS: Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DOB: Date of Birth
DOE: United States Department of Education
DOH: Department of Health
DS: Down syndrome
DSHS: Department of Social and Health Services
DSM: Diagnostice and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (by the American Psychiatric Association)
DVR: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

E

EBD: Emotional Behavior Disorder
EBP: Evidence Based Practice
ECEAP: Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program
ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education
ED: Emotionally Disabled
EF: Executive Function
EHDI: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
EI: Early Intervention
EIS: Early Intervening Services
ELL/ESL: English Language Learner/Second Language
ELOs: Expanded Learning Opportunities
EOGOAC: Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
ER: Evaluation Report
ESD: Extended School Day
ESEA: Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESIT: Early Supports for Infant and Toddlers
ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act
ESY: Extended School Year
EXRR: Extended Resource Room

F

FAPE: Free and Appropriate Public Education
FAS: Fetal Alchool Syndrome
FBA: Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC: Facilitated Communication
FERPA: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FOC: Focus of Concern
FOIA: Freedom of Information Act
FTE: Full Time Equivalent (1.0 = One full-time position)

G

GE: General Education
GLE: Grade Level Expectations
GPA: Grade Point Average
GT: Gifted and Talented
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<td>Least Restrictive Environment</td>
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#### M
- **MA**: Medical Assistance
- **MA**: Mental Age
- **MD**: Multiple Disabilities
- **MD**: Muscular Dystrophy
- **MDR**: Manifestation Determination Review
- **MLL**: Multi-Lingual Learner
- **MOU**: Memorandum of Understanding
- **MTSS**: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

#### N
- **NAEP**: [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#)
- **NCLB**: No Child Left Behind
- **NOREP**: Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
- **NPA**: Non-Public Agency
- **NPTA**: [National PTA](#)

#### O
- **O&M**: Orientation and Mobility
- **OAH**: Office of Administrative Hearings
- **OEO**: [Office of the Education Ombuds](#)
- **OCD**: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- **OCR**: Office of Civil Rights
- **ODD**: Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- **ODHH**: Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- **OFM**: [Office of Financial Management](#)
- **OHI**: Other Health Impaired
- **OI**: Orthopedic Impairment
- **OSEP**: Office of Special Education Programs at the US Department of Education
- **OSERS**: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
- **OSPI**: [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)
- **OT**: Occupational Therapy

#### P
- **P&A**: Protection & Advocacy
- **PASS**: Plan for Achieving Self-Support
- **PBIS**: Positive Behavioral interventions and supports
- **PBSP**: Positive Behavioral Support Plan
- **PCA**: Personal Care Attendant
- **PDA**: Parent Designated Adult
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SLP: Speech Language Pathologist
SI: Speech Impaired
SPD: Sensory Processing Disorder
SPED: Special Education
SRO: School Resource Officer
SWPBIS: Schoolwide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

T
TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD: Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf
TPEP: Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program (Washington State)
TTY: Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
TVI: Teach of the Visually Impaired

U
UDL: Universal Design for Learning

V
VESID: Office of Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities
VI: Visually Imp
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation

W
WAC: Washington Administration Code
WABS: Washington Alliance for Better Schools
WAAS: Washington Alternate Assessment System
WASA: Washington Association of School Administrators
WATAP: Washington Assistive Technology Act Program
WEA: Washington Education Association
WIC: Women, Infants, and Children
WIDA: World Class Instructional Design and Assessment
WSASP: Washington State Association of School Psychologists
WSBE: Washington State Board of Education
WSPTA: Washington State PTA