



## Arc Guide to Acronyms in Special Education

504 Plan: A legal document that specifies services & modifications for a student with a disability

ABC: Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence

ABS: Adaptive Behavior Scales

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD/ADHD: Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
ADL: Activities of Daily Living

ADR: Alternative Dispute Resolution  
ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder  
ASL: American Sign Language

AT: Assistive Technology

BIP: Behavior Intervention Plan  
BSP: Behavior Support Plan

CP: Cerebral Palsy

DAPE: Developmental Adapted Physical Education  
DCD: Developmental Cognitive Disability

DCD/M-M: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Mild-Moderate  
DCD/S-P: Developmental Cognitive Disability/Severe-Profound  
DD: Developmentally Delayed/Disabled

D/HH: Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
DME: Durable Medical Equipment  
EA: Educational Assistant

EBD: Emotional/Behavioral Disability/Disorder  
ECFE: Early Childhood Family Education

ECSE: Early Childhood Special Education  
ESL: English as a Second Language  
ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act

ESY: Extended School Year



FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education

FASD/FAS/FAE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act HI: Hearing Impaired/Impairment

IDEIA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (2004 Revision of IDEA) IEE: Independent Educational Evaluation

IEP: Individualized Education Program

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan (Early Childhood) IHP: Individual Health Plan

IQ: Intelligence Quotient

ISD: Independent School District ISP: Individual Service Plan

ISS: In School Suspension LD: Learning Disability

LEA: Local Education Agency

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

MDE: Minnesota Department of Education MH: Mental Health

MI: Mental Illness

OCD: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder

ODE: United States Department of Education OHD: Other Health Disabilities

OSEP: United States Office of Special Education Programs OT: Occupational Therapy/Therapist

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PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder



PDD-NOS: Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified PH: Physically Handicapped

PI: Physically Impaired

PT: Physical Therapy/Therapist PWN: Prior Written Notice

RDA: Results-Drive Accountability ROM: Range of Motion

RTI/Rtl: Response to Intervention SD: Standard Deviation

SEA: State Education Agency

SEAC: Special Education Advisory Committee SEAP: Special Education Advisory Panel

SED: Severe Emotional Disturbance SEM: Standard Error of Measurement SI: Sensory Integration

SIB: Self-Injurious Behavior

SIB: Scales of independent behavior SLD: Specific Learning Disability

SL: Speech/Language

SMI: Severely Multiply Impaired SPED: Special Education

SW: Social Worker

TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury VI: Visual Impairment

VR: Vocational Rehabilitation

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