

Special Education Alphabet Soup

Popular Acronyms

AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ABC	Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence
ABLIS	Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BIP/BSP	Behavior Intervention Plan/Behavior Support Plan
BSEA	Bureau of Special Education Appeals
CVC	Consonant-Vowel-Consonant
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DTT	Discrete Trial Training
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EI	Early Intervention
ELL/ESL	English Language Learner/English as a Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
LD	Learning Disability
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCAS	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Support
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OT	Occupational Therapy
PBS	Positive Behavior Supports
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
PT	Physical Therapy
RTI	Response to Intervention
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
SLD/I	Specific Learning Disability/Impairment
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
SPED	Special Education
VB-MAPP	Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program